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Ron right for United

MANCHESTER United's fans are in for a treat if Ron Atkinson can fulfil the promises he made on his appointment as manager.

Let us dwell for a moment on some of his pledges after admitting he was embarking on a "very special experience."

The 42-year-old former boss of West Bromwich Albion said: "The exciting football, which has been a United tradition over the years, exactly fits my thoughts on the game."

"My first requirement of any team is that they do not bore me. I will not just be United's manager. I will be an ardent United fan and if the team bore me, they are boring fans who hero-worship the players and regard the club as a way of life. I will not allow these people to be betrayed."

"I look forward to match days as much as any supporter and I want to be lifted and entertained by our team."

"From the minute we report for pre-season training, we will be aiming to win the First Division Championship. It might not happen at the first attempt but that's where my sights are set from day one."

SHOOT view!

Put simply, Ron Atkinson wants to make United the most exciting football team in Britain.

His attitude is a refreshing breath of spring for a game too often complicated by theory and systems.

No mention of 4-3-3. No mention of workrate and commitment. No mention of discipline and honesty. No mention of money. No mention of anything guaranteed to send the average fan to sleep on a heavy dose of boredom.

United admit Ron Atkinson was not their first choice. Lawrie McMenemy was granted that honour but declined in order to carry on his good work at Southampton.

But Atkinson is no also-ran in the United managerial stakes. He is as bright as a button. His record at Albion proves he is a winner capable of restoring United to the heights they scaled under Matt Busby.

He shares the same priority adopted by Brian Clough, John Bond, Lawrie McMenemy, Terry Neill, Bob Paisley and Ron Saunders... and that is to keep the fans happy.

He has all the charisma and talent necessary to breathe the "fire" into Old Trafford that went missing when Tommy Docherty was sacked.

Above all, Ron Atkinson is a winner, big enough to take on and succeed in the toughest job in British football.

The fans will not be bored...

"We'll win the First Division next season," promised Peter Taylor, Forest's assistant manager, to Trevor Francis. Now, Forest's England striker has his say on the subject...

SUCCESS FRANCIS

IF Forest don't land the title, 27-year-old Francis could move on. He starts the last year of his contract in 1981-82 and amid the regular speculation that he is on the verge of leaving the City Ground (usually misinformed speculation about a row with Brian Clough) Francis spoke about his future.

"Those were the last words Peter Taylor said to me. I replied that I'll be watching the Press to see who we sign. Peter said many times towards the end of the season that he doesn't want another one like 1980-81. And nor do I."

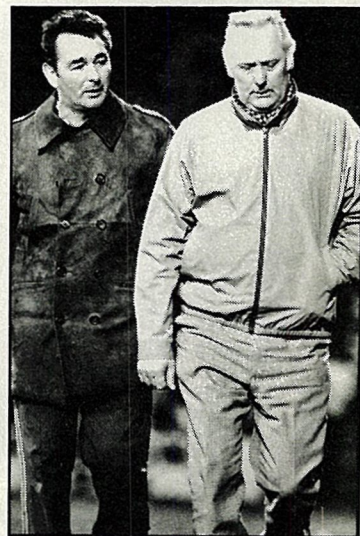
"If we can get three or four new players for the squad we could be Champions again. I've no plans to go abroad at the moment, but if we're not successful next season I could be moving on."

"I hope Forest find the players to achieve success and make me stay"

"To be honest, I hope the club can find the players to achieve success and make me stay. I don't really want to leave Forest. Despite what some people have said, I'm not unhappy there."

"I'm not saying we've got to win the title. We finished seventh last season and under the circumstances we did well to end that high. I'll be looking for an improvement in 1981/82, though."

Brian Clough and Peter Taylor are building a new team at Forest and Francis is pleased with the



Francis hopes Brian Clough and Peter Taylor can come up trumps in the transfer market... and talk Peter Shilton into staying with the club.



Chris Davies meets...

progress of youngsters such as Stuart Gray and Gary Mills.

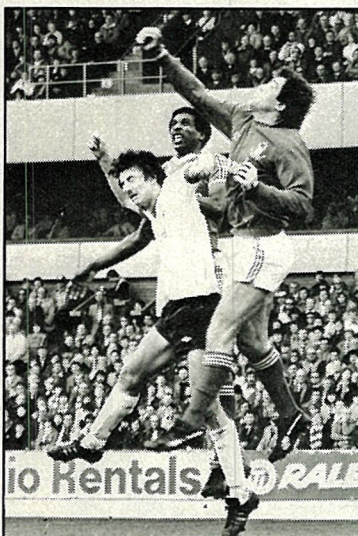
Many of the players who have served Forest so well over the past few years have moved on. There is still speculation that Peter Shilton could be the next to go.

"I roomed with Peter when we played a friendly against Real Madrid in May," says Francis. "I don't think he really knows what he wants to do. He's very mixed up."

"I don't want Peter to leave — how do you replace the best?"

"The management have made it clear he can go, which surprises me, but of course I don't know what was said between them. The reason I'm surprised is because we at Forest rate Peter as the best goalkeeper in the world — and how do you replace the best? Personally I'd love him to stay."

Clough and Taylor are ruthless in the transfer market. They've made mistakes, such as Asa Hartford and selling Archie Gemmill too soon, but overall their record stands comparison with just about



anyone else's.

Despite a season of consolidation, it would be a mistake to underestimate Forest for 1981/82, especially as Francis, after a summer's rest, will return fresh and eager to start again.

This time last year there were doubts whether the England striker would ever play again. An Achilles tendon injury forced him to miss the European Cup Final and the European Championship.

He returned midway through 1980/81 and for Forest, at least, showed he has lost none of the speed and skill that had taken him to the top.

As he looked back on those agonising months he said: "I suppose I was in danger of never playing again, although I always took a positive approach to the situation. I accepted what had happened and worked as hard as I could to ensure I came back with no ill effects."

"The Forest physio Tony Verity, the specialist Mr. Jackson and my wife Helen were marvellous during that period. I can't thank them enough for their help and understanding."

"Being out so long has taught me to enjoy every training session and every match I play. That Crystal Palace game last May when the tendon snapped *could* have been my last. I now look at the game in a different way and I never take anything for granted."

"I'm like an old man limping to the bathroom in the morning"

"I believe that for Forest I've played as well, if not better, than before the injury. I don't get any reaction during a game, but the morning after a game I'm like an old man. When the leg is in the same position for any length of time it stiffens up. If you saw me limping to the bathroom in the morning you'd never think I could run, let alone play."

"When you consider how bad the injury was, my comeback came much earlier than I'd anticipated. My first priority was simply to play again, then get into the Forest first team and then think about England."

Following England's disappointments in the European Championship in Italy, all English fans were looking forward to Trevor's return to the national team for the 1982 World Cup qualifiers.

FOR FOREST— OR WILL LEAVE

"It was flattering when people said England could have done better had I played in Italy, but it just put extra pressure on me. I appreciated the public sympathy, but when you play for your country it doesn't matter if you've been out for a long time. You've simply got to prove you're worth your place and no allowances can be made."

Francis returned to the England team for the friendly against Spain.

"I found I had to re-adjust after being away from the England scene for a year. It was all new to me and I was almost starting all over again."

"Then, in the World Cup-tie against Rumania, I was injured after 15 minutes, a thigh strain. At half-time I had ice packs on the thigh, but there wasn't really anyone on the bench who could take my place so I played on."

"In hindsight I should have come off. I could play to only 75 per cent of my potential. I was so keen to do well I stayed on."

"In the second-half the best chance of the game fell to me and I missed it, although it was simply a bad miss. I couldn't blame the injury. Had I scored it would all have been so different . . . I'd have said I did the right thing by playing on."

Francis was, to use Ron Greenwood's words, "nursed through the British Championship" to ensure he was 100 per cent for the crucial World Cup games in Switzerland and Hungary.

"We were all fully aware of the importance of these games. At 27 I

suppose 1982 could represent my last chance to play in the World Cup Finals. I'll be 32 in 1986 and although the Press write players off at 30 I think I'll still be around then.

*'I can't believe I'm 27 —
I feel as fit as ever'*

"I can't believe I'm 27. I still feel as fit as ever. I have no weight problem. The time has flown. It was 11 years ago that I was tagged 'Superkid' when I made my debut for Birmingham City, but it seems like only yesterday."

"Before the Switzerland game I knew people were looking for something special from me. While my club form had been satisfying I realised I hadn't achieved the same standard with England."

Sadly, the game in Basle was a nightmare for Francis and England. Substituted at half-time, he had to watch as the Swiss added to England's already mounting problems in their quest to reach Spain.

Francis is now getting over the disappointments of the trip and taking a well-earned rest. "A few days in the South of France, back for a short stay in Bournemouth before flying to Tampa where he found he was holidaying with, amongst others, Glenn Hoddle, Alan Brazil, Graham Rix and Birmingham manager Jim Smith."

He'll return to pre-season training refreshed, looking forward to what could be his last season with Forest . . . and wondering if his England career, which at one time seemed assured, will continue.



The long road back — Francis after one of the practice games following his Achilles tendon operation last year. The injury still gives him trouble after matches.



England v Rumania: Francis played on when he should have come off.

HIBS will tune up for their new season in the Premier Division with two games in the Highlands, against Inverness Caledonian on Aug 1, and Ross County the following day. The Edinburgh side have called off a proposed tour of Holland and West Germany because of the uncertainty over dates and the necessity of having a return game clause in the contract.

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STUART GRAY, the 21-year-old Nottingham Forest midfielder, has another claim to sporting fame. He represented Yorkshire at boxing.

The Withernsea-born prospect still watches his old team, Withernsea Youth Club, play whenever he can. He first went to Forest in April, 1978, and made his League debut last February.

Wolves boss boosts Villy

JOHN BARNWELL, who has been uncertain about his own future at Wolves, is convinced that Rafael Villazan is going to emerge as a key player at Molineux next season.

Barnwell said: "Rafael's injury problems have now cleared up and we should see the benefit in his play next season."

"I was impressed with his performances when he was in the first team but I must admit that he was a bit unlucky with his injuries which restricted his appearances."

Barnwell admires Villazan's own brand of joining in the attack and obviously he is going to figure prominently as the Wolves boss begins to carry out a rebuilding operation at Molineux when several old faces could disappear.



Ambitious Shots

ALDERSHOT'S narrow failure to win promotion to the Third Division last season makes their new manager, Len Walker, even more determined to go one better next season.

Not only did Walker — who succeeded Tom McAnearney two weeks before the end of last season — make a record 450 first team appearances for Aldershot but he also skipped the 1973-74 promotion side which has been the only one to get the club out of the Fourth Division.

"Nobody wants success here

more than I do," Walker insists, "and apart from Southend and Lincoln I can't think of any side better than us in the Fourth Division last season."

"My feeling is that the club also has a tremendous pulling potential but the only way we're going to get the public in is to win something."

"There are a lot of people round here who go to watch Southampton or one of the big London clubs, which shows what could be achieved if they had a successful club nearer home."

LIAM BRADY KEEN TO JOIN MAN. UTD.



LIAM Brady could finish his career with Manchester United. In an interview with an Irish newspaper Brady revealed that he would have signed for United when his contract expired with Arsenal had he not got an option with a foreign club. He said he had agreed terms with Bayern Munich but when they pulled out at the last minute, Juventus, who had wanted him and other players, stepped in.

However, Liam admitted that Old Trafford would be a perfect place to end his career.

Ron Atkinson take note.

Meanwhile, Richard Mackenzie, our youngest reader at 36 days, is already a Brady fan.

His parents Neil and Margaret Mackenzie, who live at Sutton Scotney, near Winchester, Hampshire, say **SHOOT'S** cover photograph of Liam Brady drinking mineral water in Italy intrigued young Richard.

"We think it reminds him of his bottle," grins Mr Mackenzie.



TOTTENHAM have a great prospect in **John Cooper**, an 18-year-old Euston-born midfielder or defender.

Cooper, defensive star of Tottenham's youth team, bears a striking resemblance to Colin Todd, the Birmingham and former Sunderland, Derby, Everton and England defender.

WALSALL'S SAVIOURS

THINGS couldn't have been tougher for 19-year-old Walsall defender John Horne's baptism. The teenager was pitchforked into a battle against relegation.

And Horne was a major reason why Walsall stayed in the Third Division.

Walsall will have joint managers next season following the appointment of Neil Martin in a link up with Alan Buckley.

Buckley will continue as player-manager with Martin, the former Nottingham Forest, Sunderland and Coventry City striker, in charge of training and coaching.

NEWS DESK

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Stoke shed 'boring' image

STOKE'S method of play came under fire at the start of the season.

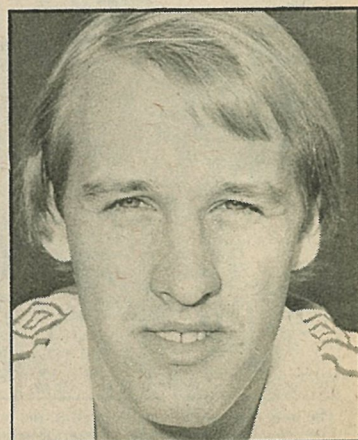
"Boring, negative," were the labels applied to Alan Durban's men.

But not any more. Durban, who recently took over at Sunderland explained: "Towards the end of last term we picked up enough points and played with more freedom than we had done before."

Durban also adds: "Stoke are thought of as an unfashionable side, but take a look at the team now."

"They have nine players who have had international experience at some level. That's not a bad record. Whoever takes over will inherit a good side."

Those internationals include Dutch Under 21 midfielder man Loek Orsem (below) who has just signed a new two-year contract.

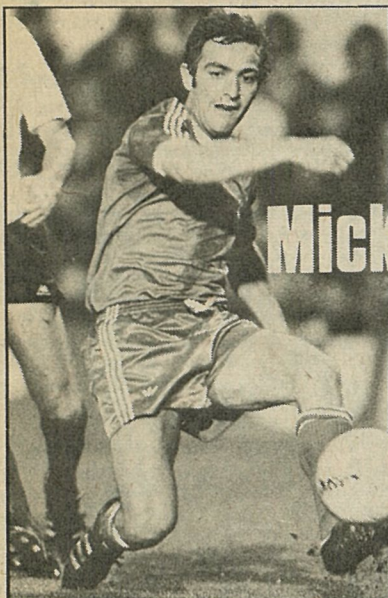


WEST BROMWICH ALBION'S John Deehan will spend a quiet summer with his wife and daughter wondering if he has any future left at Albion.

Deehan, a £400,000 buy from Villa two years ago, finished the season out in the cold after a nine game run which produced just one goal.

But that left him complaining when he was left out again: "I didn't think I did too badly on that run. Others have been given a longer run and not produced as much."

"I just have to write the season off and start again next term. I don't know what is in store for me but I have two seasons of my contract still to run and I don't want to move."



Micky Burns quits

MIDDLESBROUGH forward Micky Burns has retired. The 34-year-old striker took over as youth team coach rather than accept a free transfer.

Burns, a former England amateur international, played for Blackpool, Newcastle United, Cardiff City and

Boro in his professional career. Wembley appearances with Skelmersdale United, as an amateur, and with Newcastle, in the League Cup, were career highlights.

The 34-year-old Burns thought long and hard before he changed to a new way of life. "I am ambitious and would like one day to go into management," he says. "The role of youth coach will be good experience."

It won't do him any harm, either. The former Boro youth coach is new manager Bobby Murdoch.

DUNFERMLINE Athletic have signed former Hearts captain Jim Brown who was freed by Hibs after two seasons. Brown no sooner had returned home with the Hibs party from America when his former Easter Road colleague George Stewart, now Dunfermline's coach, stepped in with a signing offer on the instructions of manager Pat Stanton, another ex-Hib, who was on holiday.

Brown has a day-time job and a partnership in a sports shop. The part-time terms at East End Park were ideal for him, he said.

CENTRAL defender John McClelland is the first full Northern Ireland international to line-up in the Rangers ranks since goal-getter Billy Simpson, in the late 1950s.

On your bike

IPSWICH and Scotland full-back George Burley is pedalling back to fitness — on a borrowed bike. George was forced to sit out the end of Ipswich's brilliant season after tearing knee ligaments in January. He had two months in plaster followed by deep physiotherapy treatment. And to help him get his knee back to strength, George borrowed a bike from a neighbour in the Suffolk village of Bredfield and spends two hours a day cycling round the country lanes. His doctor said that cycling would help loosen his stiff knee joint. Now George is hoping to be fit for the club's close season tours of Holland and Spain.

Briefly...

● Alex Williams, reserve goalkeeper to Manchester City, has had an astonishing rise to fame. Three years ago he couldn't even get in his school team. "I had to be content with a bit of basketball," he admits.

● Steve Walford, Norwich's buy from Arsenal, is highly rated by Canaries manager Ken Brown. "I believe we have a very good player."

● Liverpool's baggage for away trips to Europe has an interesting assortment of foodstuffs. The shopping list includes two bottles of HP sauce, bread, cornflakes, tea and mustard. And the cooking at the hotels they occupy is

supervised by Alan Glynn, an hotelier and Liverpool's travelling food adviser.

● Berwick Rangers have signed Raith Rovers striker Mickey Lawson for a nominal fee. Lawson was formerly with Stirling Albion and St Johnstone.

● F.A. Cup-winners Tottenham Hotspur will provide the opposition for a testimonial game for Aberdeen skipper Willie Miller on August 16 at Pittodrie.

● Dave Henderson and Liam Buckley, the two Shamrock Rovers players on loan to Vancouver Whitecaps, have returned home. Goalkeeper Henderson was booed by the Whitecaps fans, while Buckley had a groin strain. Manager Johnny Giles felt it best for the pair to return to Dublin and rest for the Summer.

● Phil Kite is only 18 but he's certainly the right build for a goalkeeper — 6ft 2in and 13st. The local lad who joined Bristol Rovers as a 12-year-old and has won England and youth honours has only been a professional since last October but has already shown his paces at Football League level. He made his League debut against Derby last January.

● George Dunlop, Ulster Footballer of the Year, is only the second goalkeeper to win Northern Ireland's award in its 31-season history.

Not since Glentoran's Roy Rea took the honour, almost 20 years earlier, had a 'keeper won it. What's more, Inter-League star Dunlop is also the 11th Linfield player to collect the trophy since its inception, in 1950-51.

REBEL KEELY MOVES

GLENTORAN, the Irish League Champions have signed Dermot Keely, captain of FAI Cup holders Dundalk.

The 27-year-old Dublin School-teacher almost quit the game three years ago when his plans to emigrate to Australia fell through. However, he made a comeback and left St Patrick's Athletic for Dundalk, whom he led to the elusive League-Cup double in his first season at Oriol Park.

So, it was a surprise to see him leave the club and move to the Irish League — the first Dubliner to go north in eleven years.

But Keely says he needs a new challenge and he admits that he wants to get away from the referees in Eire. He was sent-off four times last season (Dermot admits he deserved two of the red cards) and faced with a six match ban he would have missed Dundalk's European games. Now he is guaranteed European Cup football with Glentoran.

ST JOHNSTONE have paid Montrose £20,000 for 20-year-old Stuart Beadie who plays midfield or striker.

Beat the thugs campaign

COVERTRY City once again are leading the way with their all-seater stadium at Highfield Road.

Work on the switch will be completed in time for the new start to the season on August 29.

It is anticipated that the capacity attendance will be 27,000 — in keeping with the general trend of smaller gates.

Coventry are looking for an average of 20,000 — about 3,000 more than their average last season.

The Midland club should not be out of pocket as there should be an increase in

revenue.

Coventry's decision to sell only the more expensive seats to away fans will, they hope, eliminate any problems of hooliganism.

Scottish First Division club Motherwell plan to beat hooliganism next season by playing most of their home games on Sundays.

Chairman Bill Samuel said: "as well as an attempt to improve our gates, this is also a move to eliminate hooliganism. We feel that by playing on a Sunday we will re-establish a family atmosphere at our gates."

STRANRAER, who finished bottom of the Scottish Second Division last season, have fixed up ex-Berwick Rangers defender, Gordon Hamilton (29) as the new manager at Stair Park. Hamilton will be helped by former Hamilton Accies manager Tommy Ewing. During his playing career Hamilton had a spell with Bury.

Fiery Brazier expects rap

COLIN BRAZIER is facing disciplinary action for his recent newspaper outburst about his financial terms with Wolves.

This is the second time that Brazier has complained in print about his low pay.

He has now threatened to quit playing in the Football League and take up a job outside the game.

Brazier said: "Under the present terms I certainly do not want to spend another wasted season at Molineux."

Brazier is also disappointed that he was overlooked for first team selection after regaining his match fitness last February.

Leeds check on Irish ace

LEEDS UNITED are favourites to capture the signature of highly promising Ballymena full-back Nigel Worthington.

But if the exciting, overlapping teenager, already capped at Youth and Inter-League level, and Northern Ireland's 1981 "Young Player of the Year", does move to Elland Road, he may well become the first £100,000 Irish League ace. That's how highly Ballymena boss Alan Campbell values his seemingly stardom-bound back-four protege.

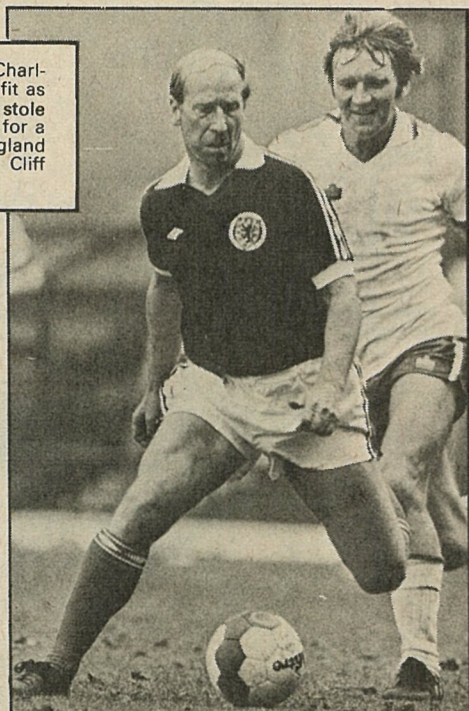


THE MAESTRO... Bobby Charlton, looking every inch as fit as his pursuer Tony Currie, stole the show when he played for a Scottish XI against an England XI for League secretary Cliff Lloyd's testimonial.

Got the bird

ABERDEEN'S talented young centre-half Neale Cooper literally got the bird during Scotland's 1-0 win over England in the Under-18 European Youth Championship in West Germany. When England won a corner during the hectic last few minutes, everyone in the 35,000 crowd was suddenly surprised to see Neale wander off the field with his hands clasped in front of him.

The reason? He had found an injured sparrow lying in the Scottish penalty-area and took it off to hand it to an official for safekeeping.



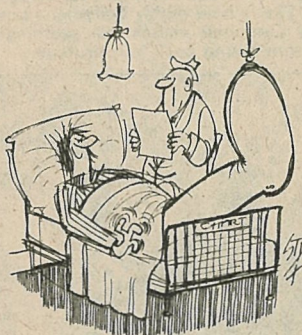
FOOTBALL FUNNIES



"I wish my wife understood football — keeps on at me for not scoring enough."



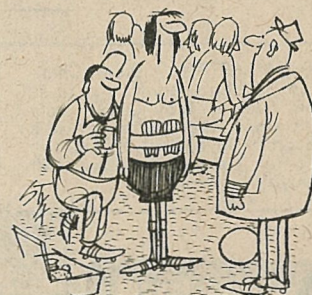
"I reckon that ref's been drinking..."



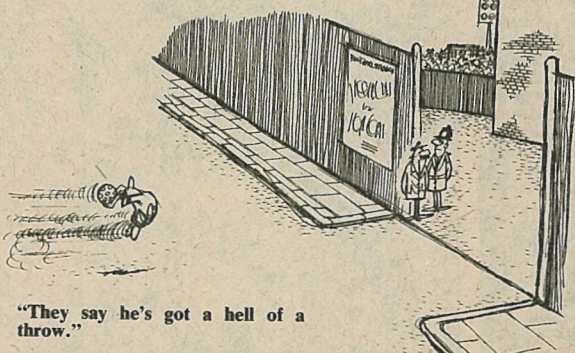
"You've got to appear before the disciplinary board for retaliation."



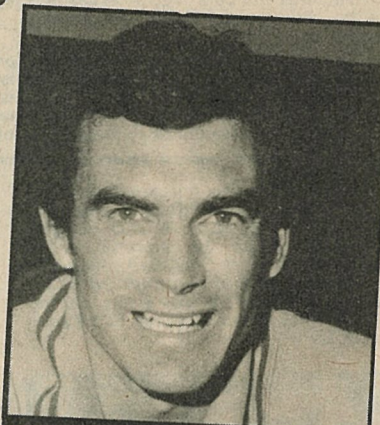
"Surprise, surprise... I'm booking you for dangerous kicking!"



"I've played against their left-back before."



"They say he's got a hell of a throw."



This week Trevor Brooking, England's two-goal hero against Hungary in a World Cup qualifier, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

WITH Crystal Palace in the Second Division after a nightmare season, Jim Cannon summed up the anger and frustration of every player at Selhurst Park.

Cannon, the Palace defender with almost 300 senior appearances to his name, fired this broadside: "In the end, we were glad when it was all over. But the sour taste from a bitter season remains with me and most of the players."

"Boardroom politics destroyed within three months what it took us four years to build."

"I am very hostile towards the former chairman, Ray Bloye, for the way he did things. He made the club into a joke, and in the end it got so bad it embarrassed the players."

"He was the only one who gained out of it. But meanwhile, our futures were laid on the line because of his indecisions. I am bitter because I love this club."

"We could have done a lot in the next four years, but seeing everything go down the drain in a matter of months leaves a rotten taste in your mouth."

"It has been an unsavoury affair throughout, and there is no doubt that what was going on upstairs got through to the players on the field."

But Cannon also blames himself and the Palace players who failed to get results.

"We can point to the boardroom squabbles and Terry Venables' departure as key factors. But we're also to blame."

"I believe some of the players thought they were better than they really were after our success the previous season."

"Now we must avoid the danger of going straight through the Second Division into the Third. It happened before and there is always a danger it could happen again."

"But the new people in charge are working hard to re-establish something and hopefully we can turn it round next season."

Future

Whether Cannon will be a part of Palace's future will be decided this summer. A series of injuries left him out of the side for long spells late in the season, but new boss Dario Gradi may need Cannon's experience in creating something from the ashes at Selhurst Park.

For Cannon, the future must be better than the past. As he says: "Just over 18 months ago, I was sitting on the bench as a member of the Scottish international squad, with high hopes of establishing myself in the side in time for the 1982 World Cup Finals."

"Now, I'm a Second Division player and my international hopes have suffered a serious setback."

"All I can do is battle back. I've battled hard before, so I'll have to do the same again."

CANNON'S FURY



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'MY HARDEST DECISION...'

I DON'T want to leave Liverpool — but I feel I've got to!

For the past three months I've agonised with myself over my career, whether I should take another step or stay where I am, and I've come to the conclusion that the best course for me — and Liverpool, the club who've been so marvellous to me — is to move on to pastures new!

I've reached a crossroads, a time to take stock, to choose between standing still or taking a chance with a new club.

The pull of Liverpool is so strong,

It was particularly evident in games against the less glamorous opposition, teams below our class which we were expected to beat. I realised I was suffering from a severe case of complacency, brought on by an overdose of success. The cure could be a change of scene, a new environment which would force me to extend myself in the way I had when I was given my chance to establish myself in the Liverpool side 'way back in 1970.

I needed to be stimulated. Gradually I came to the conclusion — unaltered by our win in the European Cup Final over Real Madrid in Paris — that I must at least attempt to break away and join another club, one striving to emulate the achievements of Liverpool.

So as soon as I returned from the

England tour of Switzerland and Hungary, I made an appointment to see the boss, Bob Paisley, and put in my first request to be placed on the transfer list.

Bob sympathised with my reasons, but was very disappointed — which made me feel rotten — and pointed out he didn't want to lose me, that I still had two years of my contract to run.

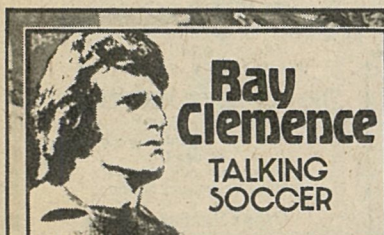
I had landed him with a big problem. He'd bought Bruce Grobbelaar, a Zimbabwe international 'keeper, who'd only played lower Division football with Crewe and for Vancouver Whitecaps in the American League, and had yet to be blooded in a First Division game; and my long-term understudy, Steve Ogri-zovic, had refused to sign another contract and was committed to

leaving the club.

Bob promised to see the chairman, John Smith, to discuss the matter with him. At the time of writing he's not come back to me with a decision, but I want to make it clear that if the club intend to keep me then I'll stay and do my best to help Liverpool continue to harvest more honours.

I'm no malcontent. I appreciate everything Liverpool have done for me — given me the biggest rewards the game can offer both on and off the field, and the opportunity to travel the world and play for England — and if I'm still wanted, they can count on Clemence.

According to the newspapers, at least three Football League clubs have expressed an interest in me — Spurs, Southampton and Swansea



'Liverpool fans have been great.'

almost irresistible. I've spent 14 years at Anfield, helping the club to win five League Championships, three European Cups, two U.E.F.A. Cups, an F.A. Cup and for the first time ever the League Cup.

The club is on an unstoppable path to further honours, yet I honestly feel the urge to leave and embark on a new phase with a new club and all the fresh challenges it presents.

Last season — even though I ended up with medals for the League and European Cups — was, overall, a personal disappointment. There was something missing — in me!

Rarely did I perform to the high standard I had set in previous seasons. Maybe other people didn't notice, maybe they made certain allowances, but I'm my own severest critic, and I can't find excuses.

There was one spell, lasting around ten matches, when I seemed to be just going through the motions, like some sort of robot. It was nightmarish. I just couldn't get myself fully motivated, utterly absorbed in the games and fired with the will to win.

— but unless I am officially placed on the transfer list they are not allowed to make an approach.

I believe an American club has also announced they would bid for me. Though if I went "Stateside" I'd never achieve one of my remaining ambitions — to play in a World Cup Finals — so a move over there at this time is out of the question.

I've had 14 marvellous, unforgettable years in the service of Liverpool.

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EVER since I can remember I always wanted to play for Aston Villa. But when I was given the chance I turned them down!

I was 14 at the time and playing for the school and a Sunday team, Coleshill Colts.

The club was run by a man named Stan James and he recommended me to his friend Frank Upton, then in charge of the Aston Villa youth side.

Frank invited me along to Villa Park for a trial during the summer holidays but I told him I didn't want to go.

I made all sorts of excuses, but really I was afraid in case I made a fool of myself.

Apart from a lack of confidence, I wasn't sure I wanted to become a professional footballer. As I explained in my last column, the thought of being in the limelight and playing in front of thousands of people every week terrified me.

I'd already rejected offers from Manchester City and Q.P.R. for the same reasons and because I felt I was too young to leave home.

Going down to London was out of the question, but dad said I should consider Manchester City. However, if I was going to be a footballer there was, and always will be, only one club for me . . . Aston Villa.

It was dad, another Villa fanatic, who finally persuaded me to go along to see Frank Upton. He said it was the opportunity of a lifetime and one I might not get again.

So I packed my boots in a carrier bag and caught the bus to Villa Park. Dad didn't own a car and still doesn't.

I was under the impression I was to get special treatment and that Frank Upton had arranged a trial especially for me. Imagine my surprise when I reported and found over 50 other hopefuls waiting.

Not many passed the first trial, but I was one of the lucky ones Frank Upton, the former Chelsea

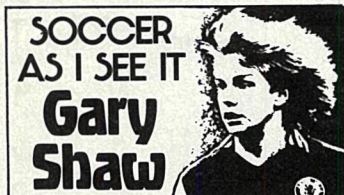
player now coaching in Scotland, chose for a further week's training.

At the end of that week Frank signed me on schoolboy terms, which meant I had to stop playing for Coleshill.

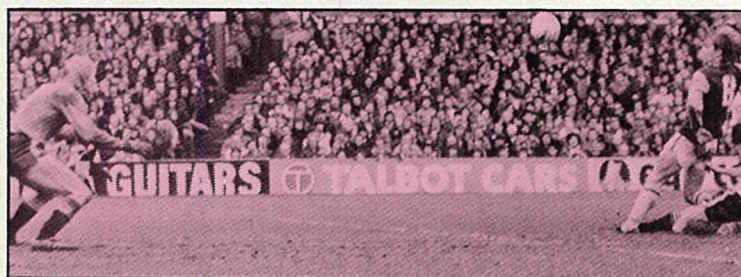
Eventually I was signed as an apprentice professional by the club's youth development officer Dick Richardson along with four others . . . Alan Ollis, Glen Beech, Ian Ward and Lee Jenkins.

But I'm the only one of the original 50 still at Villa, and as far as I know, in top class football.

I must admit I was a little dis-



'WHY I TURNED DOWN VILLA'



Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey can do nothing to stop Shaw scoring for Aston Villa at Villa Park last season.

appointed at first. There was none of the glamour I imagined there'd be. Even mixing with stars like Andy Gray, Leighton Phillips, Brian Little, John Deehan, John Gidman and Chris Nicholl was an anti-climax when I discovered they were just ordinary people.

Thanks to dad's encouragement and Frank Upton's coaching I made rapid progress in the youth side and even managed to get involved with the reserves when I was just 15.

Naturally I thought I'd arrived in the big time, but it was to be two years before the club was to sign me as full professional.

That was on January 12th, 1979, a few days before my 18th birthday.

I made my first League appearance for Villa before that, though, coming on as substitute at Bristol City on August 26th, 1978. Villa lost 1-0.

I was still 17 when I made my full

debut, in a 1-1 draw at West Brom on November 25th, 1978. And what a shock that was!

That week I'd been away with the England youth team and reported for training on the day before the match expecting to be named for the reserves.

Last Resort

Instead, Ron Saunders took me to one side and said that due to injuries he was forced to play me at The Hawthorns. I was his last resort but he knew I wouldn't let him down.

My first senior goal for Villa came the following season, in a Second Round League Cup-tie at Colchester.

Villa won 2-0 and I scored both goals. Unfortunately the Essex side won the second-leg on penalties to go through to the next round. I ended that 1979-80 season with 12 goals overall.

Although I made 28 League appearances I didn't feel I'd really established myself in the first team until last term when my 20 goals helped Villa win the Championship.

What a fantastic season 1980-81 was for me and the club. Apart from my Championship medal I was elected P.F.A. Young Player of the Year, the Midland Soccer Writer's Young Player of the Year and Robinsons Barley Water's Young Player of the Year.

But there's no way success will go to my head. Mum, dad, Ron Saunders and the other lads at Villa will see to that. I've come a long way in a short time but realise staying at the top will be a lot harder than it was getting there.

See you next time . . .

See you next time
Gary Shaw



Gary with England manager Ron Greenwood and his Under-21 team-mates after receiving a Rover car as winner of the Robinsons Barley Water's Young Player of the Year award.

ENGLAND BACK

FOLLOWING the 2-1 defeat in Switzerland, England's World Cup hopes were fading. Ron Greenwood's men went to Hungary and with their best display for years beat Hungary 3-1. England aren't in Spain yet, but if they show the same skill, character and commitment in their remaining two ties they should reach their first World Cup Finals for 12 years.

Goal-heroes Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking. The two long serving England players proved there is no substitute for experience. Below, we capture Trevor celebrating his first goal and scoring that unforgettable second.



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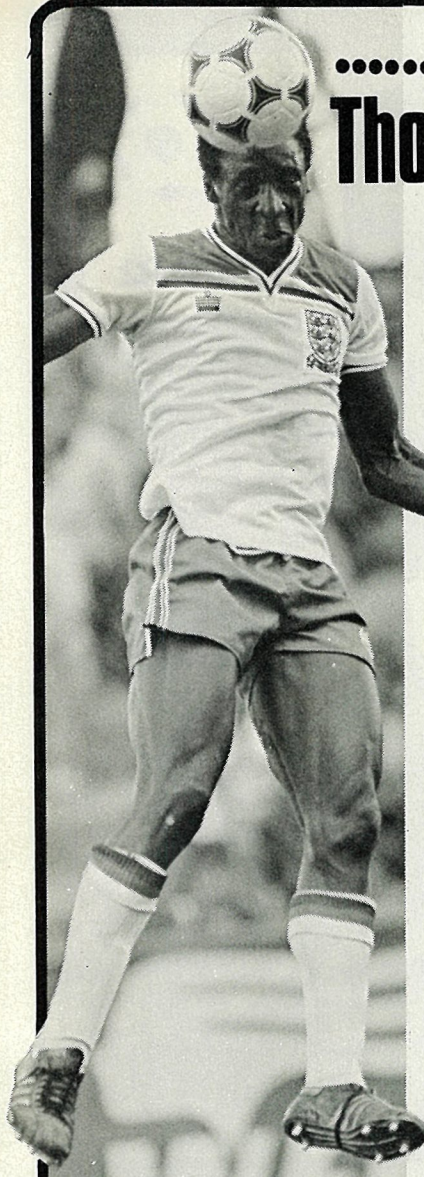


Terry McDermott goes close as Hungary 'keeper Katzirz saves.



If there was some doubt about the penalty, England were due for a break and captain Kevin Keegan made no mistake from the spot.

SHOOT!



Thompson calls Dave Sexton 'boss' now!

the England set-up."

Thompson is very much the old-fashioned centre-forward in the traditional English mould. "My game is built around aggression ... putting defenders under pressure in the penalty-area and making the most of my height."

"I believe there is still room for this sort of player at international level and it was very flattering to hear that Ron Greenwood singled me out for praise."

Playing against Switzerland and Hungary came at the end of a mixed season for Thompson. He did well to score 15 goals in his first full season in Division One; ironically his only "hat-trick" came in the League Cup Semi-Final against West Ham, when he scored twice for City and an own-goal for The Hammers.

"We lost our way a bit after the Cup defeats by West Ham and then Spurs in the F.A. Cup. When Norwich went above us towards the end of the season for the first time I thought there was a real chance we might go down."

'Positive'

"I hope we can all learn from this experience. Most of us have had a couple of years in the First Division now and it's time people stopped referring to us as a 'team of potential'. Next season we must do something positive. We'll certainly be looking for a lot more next time round."

1981/82 could be the season Thompson breaks into the full England squad if he keeps up his progress. He admires Peter Withe and the Aston Villa striker has done a good job for England, although on a long-term basis the Coventry star is obviously a better bet; a far cry from the day two years ago he lay in agony on the training field.

"We were having a practice game with a few trialists. One of them cleared the ball but I was committed and was sliding in. He caught my leg and it was broken in three places. A complete accident, but I was out for nine months."

"Last season I broke my wrist after falling awkwardly. I never worry about injuries, though. I just go out there and try to score goals ..."

And as long as the 21-year-old striker keeps on trying, England's future looks promising.

GARRY Thompson was sitting in the hotel foyer during the recent England tour of Switzerland and Hungary. A group of young Swiss fans approached the Under-21 striker and asked: "Please, Viv, will you sign this?"

"It's always happening," he smiled. "I can't understand why they think I'm Viv Anderson!"

England's Under-21 manager Dave Sexton walked past. "Hello, boss," said Thompson. The Coventry City youngster added: "When I first came into the squad for the Rumania game I called him Dave. Now he's my club manager I thought I'd better call him boss."

"We haven't had a chance to speak, but obviously it's a boost for me that he's taken over at Highfield Road."

The likeable Thompson is surprised at his recent success. "Justin Fashanu was injured and so missed the Rumania game. I won my first cap and was lucky enough to score the last goal in our 3-0 win. To be honest, I didn't expect to keep my place when Justin was fit."

"There's no chance of me getting carried away, though. My wife will see to that. All the same, it's very pleasing to be involved with

RUSSELL Osman has quietly established himself in the England squad this year. The Ipswich centre-half seems the natural successor to Dave Watson, whom he partnered on the recent England tour.

Club-mate Terry Butcher ... West Ham's Alvin Martin ... Mark Smith (Sheffield Wednesday) and Billy Gilbert (Crystal Palace), the Under-21 centre-backs ... Ron Greenwood has plenty of young talent coming through.

Under-21 right-back Ray Ranson and Bobby McDonald, as reliable a left-back as you'll find, the City defence is sound, if still a little inexperienced.

"We must be more consistent," says Reid. "The manager was not at all happy with some of our displays last season and the Cup runs didn't cloud his eyes. I'm sure he'll be on the lookout for new players this summer."

"My approach is the same to every game. I accept that some players are boosted by the atmosphere of the big occasion like the Cup, but really we must produce the goods more often."

"John Bond has done a great job



Reid could be surprise England star

One player who could yet emerge as a potential England defender, though, is Nicky Reid. The Manchester City star missed only a handful of games last season and was outstanding even in the F.A. Cup Final defeat against Spurs over the two games at Wembley.

Under-21 cap Reid is one of those players who prefers to let his football do the talking. He feels more at home playing the game than chatting about it.

The 20-year-old Maine Road defender has surprised John Bond with his skill and versatility. Reid has played full-back, centre-back and in midfield for City, but says: "I prefer playing in the centre of defence. That's where I've been since John Bond took over."

"I think this is my best position. Being versatile can work against you. I feel it's better to concentrate on one role and that's what I've been doing."

With 18-year-old Tommy Caton, Reid forms the youngest central defensive partnership in the First Division. While Bond will certainly strengthen his team for next season, he knows that in Caton and Reid he has two players who can only get better. With England



Tommy Caton

for the club in a short time. Teams used to come to Maine Road and walk all over us. Gerry Gow sees they don't now. He's a real terrier."

"Bobby McDonald has given the defence balance. I used to play left-back and we were a bit lop-sided."

"In midfield Tommy Hutchison holds the ball, enabling others to work their way into good positions."

After three such shrewd signings, plus injury victim Phil Boyer, Bond will be expected to bring similarly successful new faces to Maine Road to ensure City build on the Cup successes of 1980/81.

THE future of Celtic is alive and well in the hands of superb young players. That was underlined to me with news of a tournament in West Germany last month.

Just how good our youth policy is was emphasised in the European Youth Championships in West Germany, where Scotland failed to win the competition but won the admiration of a Continent with some great displays.

They beat Austria and England in their qualifying group and drew with Spain, yet despite taking five points out of six lost out to Spaniards in making the last four.

The behaviour of Spain on and off the park is another matter, but Scotland did the folks back home proud.



And the star of the Scotland team turned out to be a young Celtic player, indeed the youngest player in the Scotland squad.

He is 16-year-old Paul McStay — his brother Willie is also on the Parkhead books and made his first team debut last season — and the reports are that he really is going to be a big name.

Paul humiliated Austria in the opening game with a display of arrogance and class which usually comes with a decade of experience.

Just last year he was captain of the Scotland schoolboys team which

'MIGHTY McSTAY'

beat England 5-4 in the marvellous international match at Wembley in an under-15 side he first played for at the age of 13.

In fact, he has already played for his country 24 times.

I like the quote from Scotland's coaching adviser Karl Heddergott, the former boss of Cologne, who said: "McStay is something special. He has vision, he can hit magnificent passes and he works hard. He will be a star. I just love the skills of the boy."

Broke Through

It was in that area of Germany that the Scots played in May that Charlie Nicholas first broke through to the Celtic first team almost exactly a year before.

It seems to be our lucky part of the world for finding good players, because by all accounts from Germany we have done it again.

Paul, you see, was not the only young Celt who did so well. Davie Kenny and Davie Moyes, the Scotland captain, also did us proud, playing in all three matches in West

Scotland skipper Danny McGrain tackles England's Graham Rix at Wembley.



Paul McStay, Celtic's young star of the future.

Germany and playing superbly in each.

But they have a long way to go on the football ladder and my first message must be: "Keep your feet on the ground."

Meanwhile, it was very difficult for us full international players to do just that after the 1-0 win over England at Wembley.

I must admit it has taken some will-power to write much of my Tartan Talk without mentioning it ... especially since yours truly skippered the side.

But whatever plaudits are given to the players, they can't match what the Tartan Army deserve.

Incredible

I just knew they would get the tickets despite the F.A. ban and one estimate put the Scottish support at 40,000 plus. Incredible! And I know my friends in Edinburgh will forgive me for chucking at one banner which read: "We'll be down every two years — just like Hearts."

The Scotland fans proved they can behave, although I don't agree with the smugness that was abounding North of the border when the England supporters went berserk in Basle during the World Cup match.

That was outrageous, and because England's so-called fans turn to thuggery, it doesn't make Scotland look whiter than white.



Terracing violence is the cancer of football, wherever it happens and whoever is guilty of it. It must be stamped out.

But what of the Wembley game? It wasn't an epic on a pitch as bad as I have seen in the famous old London ground, but I don't think that upset the Scotland fans too much.

John Robertson took his penalty well — and it was a penalty contrary to what some have suggested.

It was a huge boost to Scotland and our World Cup chances, just as the defeat of Northern Ireland by Sweden in Stockholm was at the beginning of June.

Three points from our last three games will take us to Spain now. I can't see us failing on that.

See you in two weeks.

Derek Johnstone

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NEXT WEEK**

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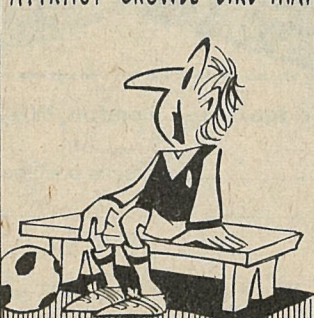
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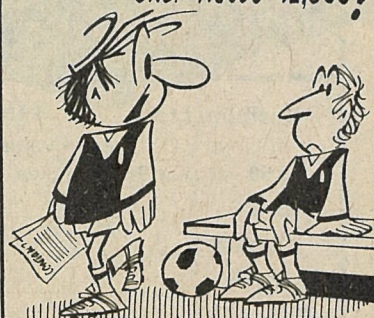
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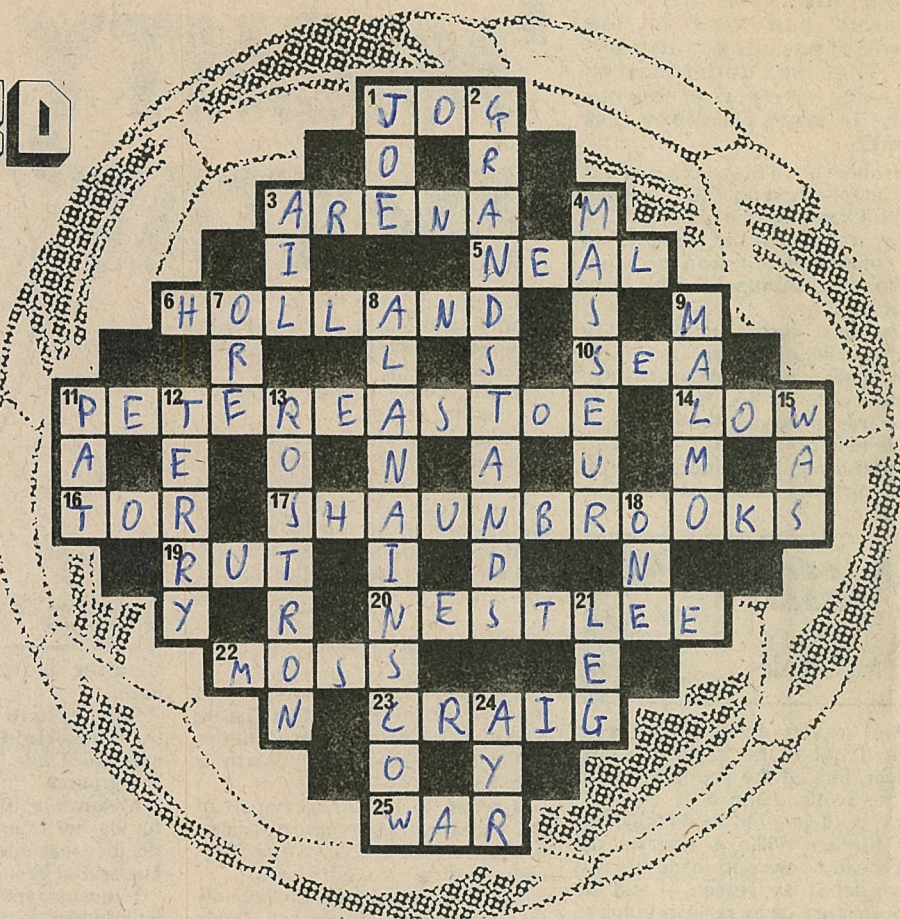
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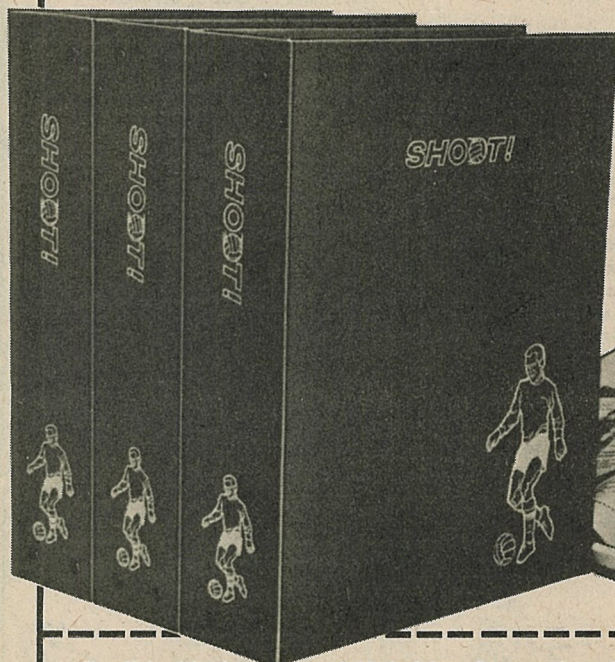
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- (2) They form part of any football stadium. (11)
- (3) Ian B—ey, Middlesbrough full-back. (3)
- (4) Important man for toning up and kneading the players muscles. (7)
- (7) If Carlisle makes "ACE"; what does Rochdale make? (3)
- (8) Birmingham City midfielder player. (4 & 7)
- (9) Losing European Cup Finalists, 1978/79. (5)
- (11) — Jennings; Northern Ireland's most capped player. (3)
- (12) — Cochrane; Middlesbrough striker. (5)
- (13) Wilf —, Watford midfielder player. (7)
- (15) Existed after removing them from West Ham! (3)
- (18) Athl— Town; League of Ireland club. (3)
- (21) One match of a two-match game. (3)
- (24) A Scottish club from the name of Middlesbrough's ground. (3)

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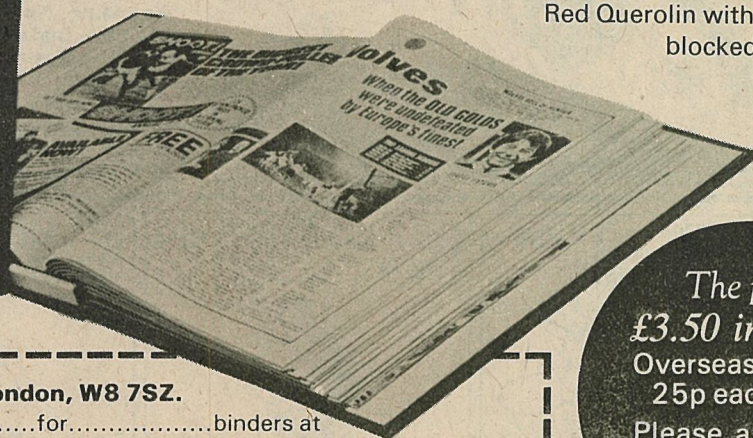


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IPSWICH'S REWARD TO THIJSSSEN- A FREE TRANSFER

WHEN Dutch star Frans Thijssen announced his decision to stay with Ipswich the fans' cheers could have been heard across the North Sea.

Back in his native Holland for the close season, the 29-year-old mid-field player had his pick of several top Continental clubs as well as the offer of another two-year contract at Portman Road.

When negotiations with Brazilian ace Zico broke down Italian cracks AC Milan turned to Thijssen, and it looked for a time as if he would be heading for the land of the lire.

Two top Bundesliga clubs were also keen to recruit his skills but he decided against a move to West Germany. And he also said a polite 'no' to the many Dutch clubs queueing for his services.

In the end Thijssen rejected all overtures in favour of staying with the club who paid £200,000 to FC Twente for him back in January, 1979. And in reaching his decision he turned his back on a lot of money.

There is no doubt Thijssen could have collected a lot more cash from any of the clubs chasing him than Ipswich could match. Under



Thijssen celebrates the U.E.F.A. Cup triumph with Dutch teammate Arnold Muhren.

U.E.F.A. rules his transfer fee would have been a modest £225,000 which would have enabled the buying club to offer him a hefty salary.

But Thijssen, a popular choice as Footballer of the Year, says: "I'm just happy that all the talking is over. I am looking forward to the new season because I am sure we can do well."

"I have always said how much I enjoy English football and deep down I never really wanted to leave Ipswich. But I had to think about my wife and family. I had to consider our future and our security."

"I am sure I have made the right decision. Money isn't everything and I doubt if I could be as happy anywhere else as I am at Ipswich."

Thijssen, whose form for the Suffolk club earned him a recall to the Dutch national side in time for last year's European Championship, clearly didn't relish the thought of the hard-tackling Italian game.

He appreciates the fact that the tackle from behind is out-

lawed in England as this gives him every opportunity to demonstrate his ample skills.

Ipswich boss Bobby Robson, worried that he might be losing Thijssen, headed back to Holland to look for a possible replacement. Along with coaches Bobby Ferguson and Charlie Woods, he took in three Dutch League games during a hectic weekend.

But it was while the Ipswich trio were on their spying mission that Thijssen eventually decided his immediate future lay at Portman Road. It turned out to be a wasted journey for Robson, but he couldn't have been more delighted.

"After the type of season we've just had it was important that we kept the team together," he says. "I'm delighted Frans is staying and so is everyone at the club."

Reward

Thijssen will remain at Ipswich for a further two seasons, at the end of which he will be granted a free transfer as a reward and probably play out the last years of his career in Holland.

But he means it when he says: "Moving to England when I did was the best thing that ever happened to me. The football is so much more enjoyable and there is a better atmosphere with bigger crowds. Back in Holland it just isn't the same."

"With Ipswich I have won a U.E.F.A. Cup winners medal and there could be other prizes. We have shown we are good enough. Maybe the Championship and the F.A. Cup, who knows? We were not far away last time."

"All the players want to show that last season's form was no flash in the pan. And if I didn't think we had a real chance I wouldn't be staying."





Peter Barnes joined Manchester City as a fresh-faced youngster straight from school. A promising and skilful young winger, he was joining the club for whom his father, Ken, had appeared at wing-half in the 1956 F.A. Cup Final. He was also helped by the fact that Barnes snr. was still on the Maine Road staff as head groundsman.



After impressing at reserve team level, the young Peter Barnes made his League debut on October 12, 1974. Wearing the number 11 shirt, he was unable to prevent City's 2-1 defeat away to Burnley. He made two more appearances that season, but the following season established himself as City's first choice winger (left), succeeding the popular Mike Summerbee.



The PETER BARNES story

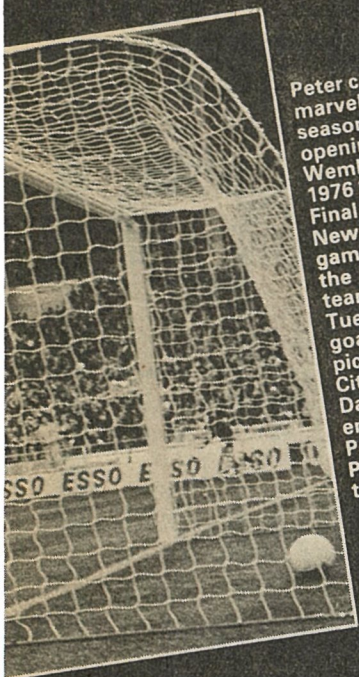
THE WONDER ENGLAND FANS



Following some exciting displays for City, Peter was called up by the England Under-21 side, where he starred on several occasions (above).

It came as no surprise when he was promoted to the full England side, and made his debut in a memorable 2-0 defeat of the Italians at Wembley in November, 1977 in a World Cup Qualifying game (right).





Peter capped a marvellous first full season with City's opening goal at Wembley in the 1976-77 League Cup Final victory over Newcastle (left), a game decided by the acrobatics of team-mate Dennis Tueart. The two goalscorers are pictured right with City team-mate Dave Watson. At the end of that season Peter was elected PFA Young Player of the Year.



WINGER WANT



But while things were going well at international level, at Manchester City things were not running so smoothly. The return of Malcolm Allison signalled a mass exodus from Maine Road, and Peter was just one of many stars to leave. He signed for West Bromwich Albion for a club record £748,000 in July, 1979, making the journey with his friend Gary Owen (below).



Since his move to the Midlands, Peter (right, after scoring against Ipswich) has had his share of ups and downs. Now he looks set to leave Albion, and Manchester City are keen on resigning their former star. Certainly Peter Barnes is a big favourite with the England fans, and performances such as his recent game against Brazil have set Wembley alight.

His first game for Albion came against unusual opposition — the Peoples Republic of China. Peter scored in the historic friendly at The Hawthorns (right).



In 20 full England appearances, Peter has scored some fine goals, including this spectacular long-range effort against Hungary at Wembley in May, 1978 (left).



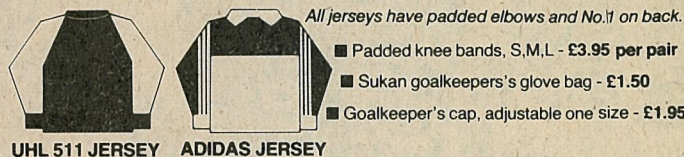


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SOME Liverpool fans never truly forgave the club for selling Kevin Keegan to Hamburg. And had it not been for the arrival of a fair haired striker from Celtic, Liverpool might have faced a revolt on the Anfield terracing.

Happily, Kenny Dalglish won the hearts of all Keegan's fans with his lethal finishing and the Liverpool management were spared too much criticism.

Four years almost to the day of Dalglish's arrival, the Kop is suffering again with news that Ray Clemence wants to extend his goalkeeping career with another club.

How can the best goalkeeper in Britain defect to another club? He surely cannot want to leave the most successful British club in the game's history? The questions roll steadily from anxious tongues in the North-Western city.

The fans find it difficult to grasp that yesterday's heroes are expendable, even at Liverpool. But the truth is that Bob Paisley's almost ruthless professionalism dictates that the Liverpool "machine" must be kept in

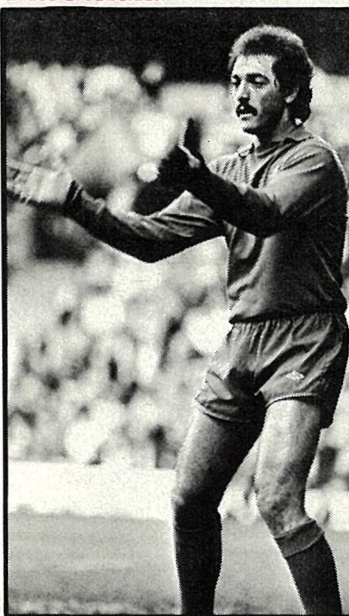
problems early and that way they prevent a slide. They are always looking to strengthen the team."

The break-up of Liverpool's 1981 European Cup winning team is imminent — and could start before the new season opens.

Clemence, arguably British football's most successful goalkeeper ever in terms of trophy winning exploits, is almost certain to join a new club before the end of the summer. His name has been linked with Tottenham, Southampton and Swansea, and Brian Clough could also be in the running for "Clem" if Peter Shilton leaves Nottingham Forest as he threatens.

The word around Anfield is that Bruce Grobbelaar, signed by Paisley from Vancouver Whitecaps earlier this year, is breathing heavily down Clemence's neck for the green jersey.

Bruce Grobbelaar.



Northampton.

If Neal is freed the fans could be forgiven for sighing "but he's still an England player". Emlyn Hughes enjoyed similar credentials but Liverpool had no hesitation in selling their England captain to Wolves when they detected a deterioration in "Crazy Horse's" performances.

Neal's inspirational play in Liverpool's three European Cup sorties since 1977 will count for nothing if Bob Paisley feels the time is right to drop the axe.

Alan Kennedy, Neal's full-back partner, nearly drowned in champagne after his stinging left foot rocket clinched victory over Real Madrid in Paris. The goal compensated handsomely for a largely mediocre performance from the former Newcastle United left-back before his 82nd minute thunderbolt.

Kennedy's contribution in Paris does nothing to disguise the fact that the 26-year-old has probably played more games for Liverpool than he is likely to play in the future.

LIVERPOOL BREAK-UP THREAT



Clemence knows better than most that Paisley would have no hesitation in dropping him to the reserves if he felt Grobbelaar could do a better job. Clemence is taking no chances, knowing that his World Cup hopes could be dashed in the "Stiffs".

Phil Neal's future is also in doubt. Aged 30 and capped 32 times by England at right-back, he has lost some of that sharp, incisive thrust which has typified his performances in more than 200 games since signing from

Bob Paisley (right) will think hard about the future of Phil Neal (below). He has already drafted in Craig Johnston (left).



spanking good order before it shows any wear and tear.

There is no room for sentiment. Nobody is spared the rod, and when Kenny Dalglish's devastating goal-punch shows signs of weakening, the Scot will be quietly told to look elsewhere.

Bill Shankly, Bob Paisley's legendary predecessor as manager, masterminded the policy which is adopted by his successor and will be followed for eternity.

"Liverpool was built to last forever," says Shankly. "They spot

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LIVERPOOL-KIL



BACK ROW (left to right): Graeme Souness, Steve Ogrizovic, Colin Irwin, Kenny Dalglish, Ray Clemence, Alan Hansen, David Johnson, Phil Thompson, Terry McDermott.
FRONT ROW: Howard Gayle, Alan Kennedy, Richard Money, Phil Neal, Sammy Lee, Jimmy Case, Ray Kennedy.

INGS OF EUROPE



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Nobody is suggesting that Liverpool are contemplating a wholesale clear-out at Anfield, but history shows that a studied break-up of the European Cup winning team is inevitable, in line with the club's hard but fair team building policies run over the past 20 years.

Ray Kennedy, the player Bob Paisley converted from a Land Rover to a Rolls-Royce, Jimmy Case, the battle-hardened match-winning substitute, David Fairclough, a striker who has never quite fulfilled his exciting potential, and David Johnson, prolific scorer of 26 League and Cup goals in 1979-80 but dogged by injury and loss of form last season until his immensely powerful display in Paris, are other players likely to be seeking employment with new clubs in the next two years.

Only Phil Thompson, Alan Hansen, Kenny Dalglish, Sammy Lee, Graeme Souness and Terry

Liverpool fan to pause at a notice board outside a chapel in the city. It said: "Christ is coming to Liverpool". Quick as a flash, the supporter produced a pen and scrawled: "We'll move St. John to inside-left."

St. John was to Liverpool in the 60's what Dalglish is to the Kop today — GOD. But even the almighty is dispensable on Merseyside.

"Liverpool," says Gordon Milne, Coventry City's general manager and former Liverpool half-back, "is a great club and it treats its players well while they're at the club. But it doesn't create a surplus of players. It uses everything it has to the limit and, frankly, I would think very carefully about signing a player who had been at Anfield for any length of time."

A pointed remark, revealing that ex-Anfield players rarely reproduce the level of performance they gave to Liverpool. Ray Kennedy, Terry McDermott, and Ray Clemence could well prove exceptions to the rule if they take their talents elsewhere, but the general feeling

is that when a Liverpool player burns his boots with the club, he is burnt out.

Gordon Milne illustrates the point with his own experience. "When I left Anfield for Blackpool I was just turned 30 and I thought I had a few good years left. I had all this experience from Liverpool to draw on.

"I had so many ideas on how a team should function. Well, we had a good run at promotion in the first of my two years at Blackpool, but right from the start I knew something was missing.

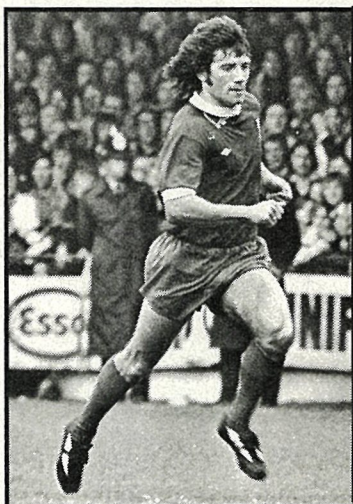
"I couldn't lift myself up and when I look back I suppose it is not so surprising. People talk about pressure, but everything is relative.

"There was something about Bill Shankly's personality which increased this feeling. He was quite ruthless about the team and I suppose that's what he was there for. He had only one priority and that was to keep the fans happy.

"The point is that Liverpool is geared for only one thing. It is success. If you take away success the whole thing collapses. Which is why they are so hard on a player who is having a thin time.

"At some clubs a player is nursed through a dodgy time, but you don't get that at Anfield. A struggling player is endangering the whole script. So he has to make way. There are always the resources available to make this feasible."

The resources come in the formidable shape of a rich crop of youngsters waiting in the wings ready to snap-up first team places. Ian Rush, Richard Money, Colin Irwin, David Fairclough, Howard Gayle, Bruce Grobbelaar and Kevin Sheedy are bursting for a taste of the glory, even at the expense of the Parisian heroes.



McDermott, serving the first of a two-year contract, appear to be holding safe seats in the Liverpool 4 constituency, although the arrival of Craig Johnston from Middlesbrough is likely to give Ray Kennedy and McDermott some anxious moments next term.

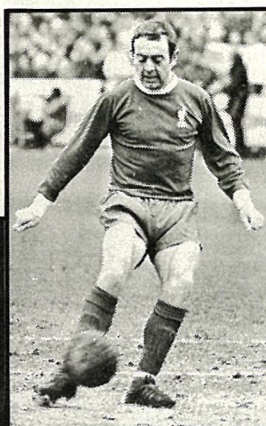
Bob Paisley and his management team are perfectionists in their search for excellence. Nobody is spared the rod, however important his contribution, if the time has come for changes.

Roger Hunt, England's 1966 World Cup striker, was filled with bitterness the night he was substituted in an F.A. Cup-tie against Leicester City at Anfield.

Hunt, a hero on Merseyside, was an expression of Liverpool's relentless power. Too big to drop? Never.

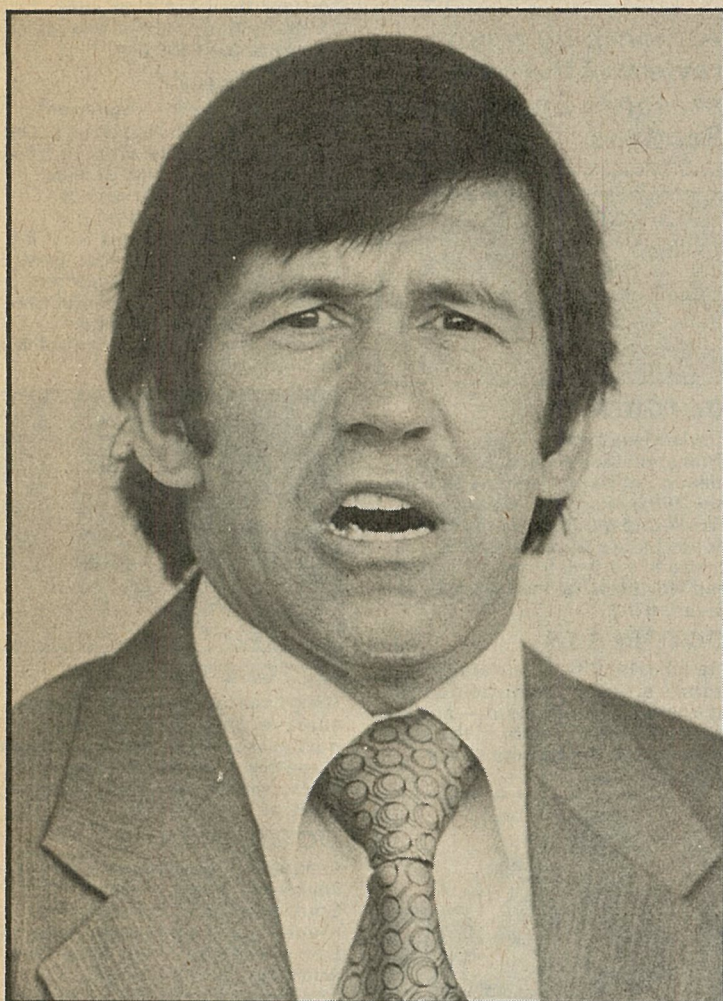
Ian St. John felt the same depression that compelled Hunt to hurl his red shirt to the ground beneath the main stand the night he was pulled off.

St. John's hurt had more time to fester when he moved out of Anfield. As manager of Portsmouth, St. John went sleepless because nothing, but nothing, could match such days as the one which prompted a



Kevin Keegan (left) and Ian St. John (right) have been replaced as the idols of the Kop by Kenny Dalglish (below).





RANGERS

the best in Britain—that's manager John Greig's ultimate target

A WEEK to the day after Rangers' stunning Scottish Cup Final replay victory over Dundee United, Ibrox boss John Greig went out and spent £90,000 on a new player.

That says much about Greig. And still more about Rangers. For it spells out exactly where the manager and the club are at.

There is no way that either is content to sit back and savour victory. Instead, they begin planning for fresh fields to conquer.

So, when Greig bought Northern Ireland defender John McClelland from Mansfield, it was a declaration of intent. Greig and Rangers want more prizes to fill that glittering trophy room at Ibrox.

Three years ago he was captain of Rangers. Now Greig sits in the panelled manager's office at the head of the marble staircase, team manager and also the man in charge of the day to day running of the most modern stadium in Britain.

The ten million pounds Ibrox face lift will be completed in the autumn. That's when the third new stand will be completed fol-

lowing the building of two others and the installation of under-soil heating.

At the end of the work the capacity will be cut to 44,000 — but 35,000 of these will have seats.

Greig insists: "It is going to be the best stadium in Britain and it's going to be my job to make sure that we have a team capable of getting backsides on these seats week after week."

There were times last season when the attendances at Ibrox slumped. The end of the season League games brought low gates when the fans realised the title had slipped beyond their grasp and the one target was the Scottish Cup.

That Cup win, accomplished in style and with a marvellous individual performance from Davie Cooper, will ensure that the fans return when the season opens. Maybe that's why Greig says: "We needed that Cup win."

"For, while we had qualified for Europe in the UEFA Cup by finishing third in the League, we wanted to be in the Cup-Winners' Cup."

"I was delighted that we were able to do it all with so much flair. Looking back at the thing now we would not have gained as much credit if we had won with Ian Redford's last minute penalty."

"We went out on to Hampden for that second game and proved ourselves the better team."

'Argue'

"No one was giving us much chance because United are an extremely good side — but we won 4-1 and no one could argue with our performance."

Greig relishes the fresh challenges which the manager's job throws up for him to handle.

On the transfer market he says pungently: "Clubs in Scotland try to hold you to ransom. They know

They won't quote you fees less than £200,000."

"And they talk that way about players without international or Continental experience."

"Take John McClelland for an example. I heard about him, and had him watched and then went down quietly one Friday night towards the end of the season to see him for myself."

"Then I moved in. I signed him the night that Northern Ireland played Scotland at Hampden."

"He played that night and in all he had won seven caps for Ireland, played in Australia for them and in two World Cup matches."

"John has played as a central defender, in both full-back positions and also as a defensive mid-field man."

"So I got two or three players in one and an international as well. It would be impossible to get that kind of player for that kind of price in Scotland."



Bobby Russell nets Rangers' second goal in the 4-1 Scottish Cup Final replay victory over Dundee United.



that Rangers are a wealthy club and therefore they make it their aim to get as much money as possible from us."

"They don't talk realistically — and that is why I have bought players from outside Scotland in three of my last four buys. Jim Bett came from Lokeren in the Belgian First Division and cost me £170,000; then Jim Stewart came back from Middlesbrough and cost me just £110,000; finally, John McClelland from Mansfield cost me £90,000."

"Yet up here in Scotland managers talk in telephone numbers."

"I'll tell you I would much rather that the cash I spent on these three players had stayed in Scotland. It could have helped keep the game healthy here. But I won't be held to ransom."

The Cup win means that Rangers will step back on to the European stage next season. Greig missed that more than anything else last season — and he felt his team suffered because of that.

"We had not qualified for Europe the year before," he says, "and that was the biggest blow of all."

"I missed out on the atmosphere and I used to go to see the other teams involved in the tournaments and wish it was us."

"The players simply lost their rhythm during that spell when we were without midweek matches."

A run in the Cup-Winners' Cup competition could help Greig achieve his aim — the Premier Division title, the one trophy he has failed to win as a manager.

Twice he has won the Scottish Cup, once he has been able to pick up the League Cup. The Championship has just been beyond his grasp — he wants to change that!

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FOREST AND ENGLAND CRASH

OCTOBER 1

European Cup-holders Forest go out in the First Round, losing 2-0 on aggregate to CSKA Sofia (below). But Liverpool thrash part-timers Palloseura 10-1 in the second-leg at Anfield. Behind locked doors West Ham brilliantly hit back from a 1-3 deficit to oust Castilla 6-4 on aggregate in the Cup-Winners' Cup. Newport are also through. Ipswich progress in the UEFA Cup — but both Manchester United and Wolves go out.



OCTOBER 2

Swindon manager Dave Smith is sacked. Malcolm Allison is told to "carry on" by Manchester City.

OCTOBER 4

Early runaway First Division leaders Ipswich lose their 100 per cent record when Leeds hold them to a 1-1 draw.

OCTOBER 6

Transfer talk is that Forest's unsettled Garry Birtles is booked for Manchester United.

OCTOBER 7

Tommy Docherty is out again. "The Doc" is fired by Q.P.R. — leaving for the second time.



OCTOBER 9

Allison (above) after spending some £6 million in 21 months at Manchester City, gets the axe.

OCTOBER 11

Ipswich draw 1-1 at Anfield and manager Bobby Robson proclaims: "We could be THE team of the next few years."

OCTOBER 13

Managerial moves are confirmed. It's John Bond for Manchester City, and Terry Venables steps into "The Doc's" shoes at Q.P.R.

A month-by-month review of the past season in England and Scotland



OCTOBER 15

England are beaten 2-1 in Bucharest (above) and Scotland disappoint Hampden fans by being held 0-0 by Portugal in another World Cup qualifier. But British hopes have a boost as Wales cruise to a 4-0 victory over Turkey, and Northern Ireland take care of Sweden 3-0.

OCTOBER 18

Manchester City 'celebrate' John Bond's arrival by being beaten 1-0 at home by Birmingham — and are dumped at the bottom of the table. Ipswich still the League's only unbeaten side.



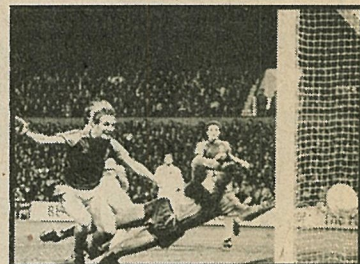
OCTOBER 21

Dave Sexton of Manchester United splashes out £1¼ million for Garry Birtles of Forest (above) who get Peter Ward from Brighton

for less than half that sum. United's Andy Ritchie moves to Brighton for £600,000.

OCTOBER 22

Euro time again — Liverpool kick-off the all-British clash in the Champions Cup by winning 1-0 at Aberdeen. In the Cup-Winners' Cup, West Ham take care of Timisoara 4-0 in the first-leg (below), while Newport draw 0-0 in Norway against Haugar. Ipswich beat the Czech club Bohemians 3-0 in the UEFA Cup. John Bond gets a welcome early boost when Manchester City get their first win in beating Spurs 3-1.



OCTOBER 26

A big League seminar produces some revolutionary proposals for next season, including freedom to stage games at any time from Friday evening to Sunday; and three points for a win.

OCTOBER 28

League Cup giantkillers Watford — seven-goal conquerors of Southampton in the previous round — do it again by hammering European Cup-holders Forest 4-1. And struggling Birmingham provide another shock by putting out Ipswich 2-1.

OCTOBER 29

Dennis Tueart hits four goals as revitalised Manchester City blast ambitious Notts County out of the League Cup 5-1.

OCTOBER TABLE-TOPPERS

Div 1:
Aston Villa (22 pts)
Ipswich (20)
Liverpool (18)

Div 2:
Notts County (23)
West Ham (20)
Chelsea (19)

Div 3:
Chesterfield (22)
Charlton (20)
Plymouth (20)

Div 4:
Southend (25)
Lincoln (23)
Mansfield (20)

OCTOBER TABLE-PROPPERS

Div 1:
Brighton (8)
Manchester City (8)
Crystal Palace (6)

Div 2:
Q.P.R. (10)
Bristol City (9)
Bristol Rovers (7)

Div 3:
Swindon (11)
Carlisle (10)
Hull (8)

Div 4:
Hereford (11)
Bury (10)
Halifax (10)

ANGRY CELTIC

OCTOBER 1

Aberdeen draw in Austria and reach the Second Round of the European Cup; Dundee United score seven goals at Tannadice and St Mirren draw at home with the Swedes and both march on in the UEFA Cup. But an angry Celtic crash in Rumania, losing 1-0 and going out on the away goals' ruling.

OCTOBER 2

Celtic report the Greek referee to the UEFA Disciplinary Committee following a board meeting.

OCTOBER 3

Aberdeen are drawn against Liverpool in the European Cup — Alex Ferguson welcomes the draw. Dundee United are paired with Lokeren of Belgium and St Mirren face the French cracks St. Etienne.



OCTOBER 6

Jock Stein sticks by his tried players for the second World Cup game against Portugal... sole change in the squad being the return of John Wark.

OCTOBER 7

Iain Munro of St Mirren joins Stoke for £160,000.

OCTOBER 8

The League Cup Quarter-Final ties end like this after the first-legs: Dundee 0 Aberdeen 0; Ayr United 2 Hibs 2; Partick Thistle 0 Celtic 1; Clydebank 2 Dundee United 1.

OCTOBER 12

Rumours fly that their gloved midfield star Alves will be left behind by Portugal when they fly in.

OCTOBER 13

The rumours are confirmed by the Portugal manager Juca — but mystery surrounds the gifted man from Benfica.

OCTOBER 15

Even without Alves the Portuguese hold Scotland to a 0-0 draw (pictured left) thanks to the magnificent Manuel Bento in goal. He is the hero as over 60,000 fans pack Hampden.

OCTOBER 20

Celtic 2, Partick Thistle 1 and Celtic are in the League Cup Semi-Finals.

OCTOBER 22

A Terry McDermott goal beats Aberdeen and the other Scots' teams can only get draws... Dundee United 1-1 with the Belgians from Lokeren and St Mirren 0-0 at home by St. Etienne. On the home front Ayr beat Hibs 2-0 at Easter Road to reach the League Cup Semi-Finals.

OCTOBER 29

While the Cup holders Dundee United march on with a 4-1 win over Clydebank at Tannadice, Aberdeen are shock losers in their League Cup tie to First Division Dundee.

OCTOBER 30

The two Dundee teams are kept apart in the Semi-Final draw for the League Cup — Dundee United face Celtic while Dundee meet Ayr United.

GOAL-SHY UNITED. LIVERPOOL BLAST DONS

NOVEMBER 1

Ipswich drop a home point to West Bromwich Albion, but are still the only unbeaten side in England.

NOVEMBER 2

Tommy Docherty is off again — this time to Australia. "The game here is going to pot, with hooliganism and poor play driving the fans away," he says.

NOVEMBER 4

The Cambridge League Cup bubble is burst when Coventry put them out. Gallant Newport whack Haugar 6-0 to go into the Cup-Winners' Cup Quarter-Finals.



NOVEMBER 5

Liverpool make no mistake in the Champions Cup, blasting Aberdeen 4-0 at Anfield (above). West Ham are beaten 1-0 by Timisoara in Rumania in the Cup-Winners' Cup, but go through on aggregate. Ipswich are also defeated 2-0 by Bohemians in Prague in the UEFA Cup — but a 3-0 first-leg makes them secure.

ORMOND QUITS HIBS

NOVEMBER 1

While Rangers' form has been disappointing they manage to beat their oldest rivals yet again... 3-0 this time in the second Old Firm game which is played at Ibrox (pictured right).

NOVEMBER 5

The Scottish challenge dies in Europe. Only Dundee United come close with a 0-0 draw in Belgium and go out on the away goals rule. In the European Cup Aberdeen, hit by injuries, crash 4-0 to Liverpool while St Mirren lose 2-0 to St. Etienne in France.

NOVEMBER 6

Former Highland League striker Billy Urquhart is sold by Rangers to Wigan for £20,000.

NOVEMBER 8

Arsenal win 5-0 away to Leeds. Ipswich find themselves in a bitter 3-3 draw at Southampton. Terry Butcher is sent-off, and England team-mates Kevin Keegan and Mick Mills mix it in an unseemly brawl.

NOVEMBER 11

Liverpool beat Coventry 2-1 — and equal Millwall's all-time League run of 59 home games without defeat. Ipswich's unbeaten record goes at last — to a late Mick Robinson goal at lowly Brighton.



NOVEMBER 12

Goal-shy Manchester United are held to a scoreless Old Trafford draw by Wolves (above) — that's 11 'blanks' in 21 League and Cup matches this season.

NOVEMBER 15

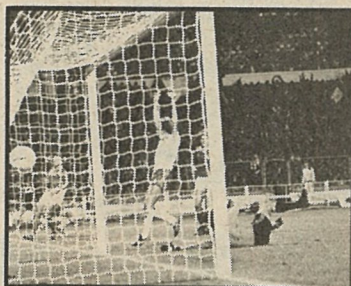
Sad night for the West Country, with the two Bristol clubs firmly anchored at the foot of Division Two. At the top, West Ham go down at Luton.

NOVEMBER 17

A disappointing England "B" side beats Australia 1-0 at Birmingham — but the standard of entertainment isn't of much higher proportions than that of the mini-crowd of 3,292.

NOVEMBER 18

At Ipswich, England's Under-21 side impress rather more with a crushing 5-0 victory over Switzerland's youngsters.



NOVEMBER 19

England struggle to beat the Swiss 2-1 at Wembley in a World Cup Qualifier (above). Wales' workmanlike 1-0 victory over Czechoslovakia, however, sees them worthily topping Group Three, though N. Ireland go down in Portugal by the same score.

NOVEMBER 22

A 2-1 win over table-topping Villa gives Liverpool a new record of 60 home League games without defeat. Forest slip up again — beaten 2-1 at home by Ipswich.

NOVEMBER 25

Forest hit a bit of their old form in beating Valencia 2-1 in the first-leg

of the Super Cup (below). But, back in the League, Liverpool come an unexpected 4-1 cropper away to lowly Wolves.



NOVEMBER 26

Widzew Lodz have already eliminated Manchester United and Juventus from the UEFA Cup this season, but John Wark hits another three goals as a super show from Ipswich blasts the formidable Poles 5-0 in their Third Round first-leg (below).



NOVEMBER 29

A splendid first-half hat-trick for Forest RESERVES as Trevor Francis continues his comeback after his long injury lay-off.

NOVEMBER TABLE-TOPPERS

Div 1:
Aston Villa (29 pts)
Liverpool (27)
Ipswich (26)

Div 2:
West Ham (29)
Chelsea (28)
Notts County (28)

Div 3:
Charlton (33)
Barnsley (29)
Rotherham (29)

Div 4:
Southend (32)
Lincoln (31)
Hartlepool (28)

NOVEMBER TABLE-PROPPERS

Div 1:
Brighton (12)
Crystal Palace (10)
Leicester (10)

Div 2:
Oldham (15)
Bristol City (13)
Bristol Rovers (11)

Div 3:
Swindon (15)
Carlisle (15)
Hull (13)

Div 4:
Bury (17)
Halifax (15)
Hereford (15)



NOVEMBER 7

Drybrough's announce that their Cup tournament — a Final flop at Hampden when the season kicked off — has ended.

NOVEMBER 10

Norwegian forward Isak Refvik who played with Hibs two years ago, returns to Scotland to play a trial with Rangers. The Ibrox club do not sign him.

NOVEMBER 12

It's that young man Nicholas to Celtic's rescue once more. At Tannadice in the first-leg of the League Cup Semi-Final he scores an equaliser in 82 minutes to take the teams into the second-leg still level.

NOVEMBER 17

Ex-Scotland World Cup boss Willie Ormond, appointed Hibs manager less than a year earlier, quits the Easter Road job on health grounds.

NOVEMBER 18

Hibs' millionaire chairman Tom Hart wastes no time in making a new appointment — Bertie Auld, boss of Partick Thistle, is named Hibs' manager and the Lisbon Lion celebrates the appointment with the largest cigar he can find.

NOVEMBER 19

In a shock result Celtic topple out of the League Cup, beaten 3-0 on their own Parkhead by Dundee United whose

scorers are Willie Pettigrew, Paul Sturrock and Davie Dodds. In the other game Dundee beat Ayr 3-2 and the Final is an all-Dundee occasion.

NOVEMBER 20

The Scottish League decide to take the Final to Dundee and after a toss of a coin the game is scheduled for Dens Park.

NOVEMBER 22

Morton manager Benny Rooney turns down the chance to take over as Partick Thistle boss after Bertie Auld's resignation.

NOVEMBER 26

St Mirren sack their manager Jim Clunie just a few days after his team beat Celtic 2-1 at Celtic Park. It is a shock even from this stormy club...

NOVEMBER 27

Aberdeen midfielder man John McMaster is ruled out for the entire season after a bad injury.

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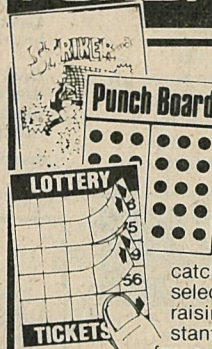


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The trips might cost £1,000, £2,000 or more. It doesn't really matter. In times when Manchester United striker Joe Jordan can walk into his manager's office and demand £1,000 a week, the average First Division player is not short of a fast buck.

How different from the days when stars wore baggy shorts with big leather boots. In those days they tended to holiday at Blackpool, Bournemouth, Torquay, and Scarborough and drank pints with soccer supporters in working men's clubs and billiards halls.

Jimmy Hill took the lid off wage restraint in football when he succeeded in piloting the lifting of restrictions on the maximum wage in 1961.

He ushered in long-overdue conditions for players that enabled them to attain an affluence undreamt of in pre-War days. In the late 30's, for example, when I started my career with Newcastle United, the top wage was £8 per week during the season and £6 in the summer.

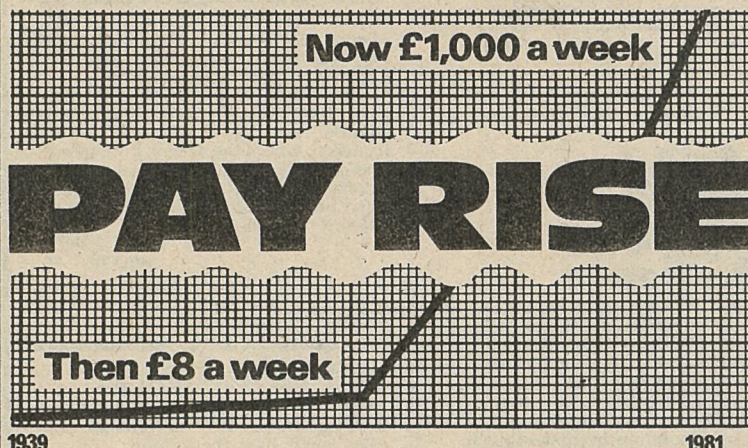
But if this sounds like peanuts by modern standards, remember that the national wage in industry in those hard-hit times was just over £3 a week — so a soccer player could afford a reasonable standard of living and perhaps run a motor car.

Even so, the financial rewards for footballers half a century ago were nowhere near the earnings of a Liverpool or Manchester United player in 1981.

At Anfield or Old Trafford a top man making regular first team appearances receives a basic wage of £900 a week — and in addition there are the bonuses and fringe benefits which are negotiated into his contract.

For every point picked up in First

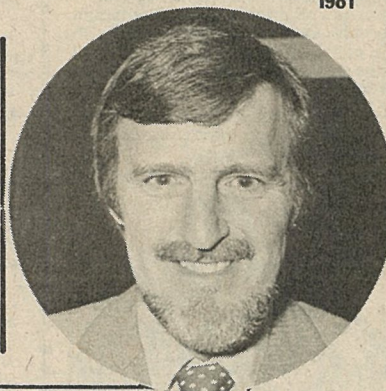
Former Newcastle and Liverpool centre-forward ALBERT STUBBINS compares the wages of today's top players with the stars of yesteryear.



Division matches he gets £150, plus appearance money of around £70 to £90 a game. This puts him well into the four-figure a week wage packet and a lot more when two matches are staged in a week.

And a club's week-to-week League placings come into it, too. At Aston Villa, being top of Division One means another £250.

However, in League matches at that high level, crowd bonuses don't come into the calculations, but they do figure in Cup-ties. Anything over 24,000 brings



Players like Peter Withe (below) have benefited from the work of Jimmy Hill (above). Albert Stubbins during his playing days for Newcastle (left).



another negotiated lump sum.

Then there are the huge end-of-the-season perks which can reach into five figures for winning the League title. The final amount is worked out at so much per game played in the 42-match programme, while a sliding scale is used for second and third place in the table etc.

Looking back to my playing days, my chief recollections of incentive bonuses are of the £2 we received for a win, and the £1 awarded us for a draw!

Even with a quality Second Division club like Newcastle United, Derby County or Sheffield Wednesday, an established first team player now earns around £300 basic.

He also collects £50 a point in League matches, plus a bonus depending on League position every week — £100 for being top, £90 for second, £80 for third and so on down to £50 for sixth.

For the older, experienced player, appearance money is normally not available as he's already negotiated his slice on his basic.

But youngsters trying to break into the first team on a regular basis receive appearance money when they achieve it — as much as £60 or £70 per game.

And if promotion is gained, whether or not the Championship has been won, it is worth as much as £10,000 to any player who has turned out in all 42 games.

Panic Time

In my contract of the 30's, it specified that I would receive £6 in the reserves, but £8 when on first team duty.

With the contracts running for only one season, the month of April was invariably panic time for some players — it was then that a list was made up of the men who were retained and those who were available for transfer.

I knew several who were almost nervous wrecks through suspense at the end of a term, wondering if they would be kept on.

Today, contracts offer more security to the players, and the money that can be made at Second Division level with Newcastle United was revealed in the club's last balance sheet.

One player, almost certainly Peter Withe, earned between £45,000 and £50,000 in the year, and the figure is bolstered by such things as signing-on fees paid over the length of his contract etc.

Another Newcastle employee received between £30,000 and £35,000, and two more got between £25,000 and £30,000.

And these figures applied to a season in which United failed to win promotion.

Last season, Aston Villa, a club with a famous tradition, have faced a financial crisis because they went to the head of Division One — and in doing so found it tremendously difficult to pay their stars the large bonuses promised in their contracts because their gates, though good, haven't matched their financial output.

Certainly, with the economic recession, many clubs, unlike Villa, haven't been drawing good gates, and for many Fourth Division outfits the future looks bleak.

An Agreement made the Twenty Fifth day of April 1939 between G. WATT of Newcastle-on-Tyne in the County of ... the Secretary of and acting pursuant to Resolution and Authority for and on behalf of the NEWCASTLE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB of Newcastle-on-Tyne (hereinafter referred to as the Club) of the one part and Albert Stubbins of ... Professional Football Player in the County of ... (hereinafter referred to as the Player) of the other part whereby it is agreed as follows:—

1. The Player hereby agrees to play in an efficient manner and to the best of his ability for the Club.
2. The Player shall attend the Club's ground or any other place decided upon by the Club for the purposes of or in connection with his training as a Player pursuant to the instructions of the Secretary, Manager, or Trainer of the Club, or of such other person, or persons, as the Club may appoint. [This provision shall not apply if the Player is engaged by the Club at a weekly wage of less than One Pound, or at a wage per match.]
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5. The Player shall not engage in any business or live in any place which is disapproved for (Committee) of the Club may deem unsuitable.

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The contract which Albert Stubbins signed for Newcastle in 1939.

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BAN ON ENGLAND!

A QUOTE from SHOOT: "If 243 fans from ANY country caused such problems, the suffering city would not want them back."

A quote from the Daily Record's front page: "Before Liverpool beat Real Madrid hundreds of fans had gone on the rampage. An anti-riot squad moved in... As fighting broke out two French youths, with scalp wounds, were taken to hospital. By the time the match started more than 100 fans had been arrested."

● It's out of the F.A.'s hands to ban people from travelling abroad, a freedom available to everyone here. FIFA must act by instructing national associations not to supply any tickets to English clubs or for internationals.



Atkinson warning

A WORD of warning to Ron Atkinson. Perhaps he should consider some of the standards expected of him, which poor Dave Sexton failed to meet at Manchester United.

A run of seven consecutive victories is not good enough. Nor is it good enough to be the only side to knock three goals past League Champions Aston Villa in the League.

It is not sufficient to beat high flying Ipswich, who prior to that match, had only been beaten twice in the League.

If having the best defensive record in the League, becoming only the third team to win at Anfield in three and a half seasons and only being defeated twice at home in the League during two seasons is not good enough, then what is?

T. MITCHELL SMITH, SPILSBY.

● I'm sure Ron knows the size of the task he's taken on. My own feelings are he's the right man for the job.

Not British

I AM becoming sick and tired of English supporters being classed as British when they cause trouble.

When Scotland's fans misbehave they are called Scottish. Please, Messrs Hill, Coleman, McMenemy, etc., I do not protect these hooligans in any way, but get your



England's victory in Hungary proved a welcome boost for international boss Ron Greenwood.

nationalities correct and say that England fans are ENGLISH.

BILLY EAGLESHAM, KIRKOSWALD.

● Point taken.

Thanks for not coming

AFTER watching England's display against Switzerland and their fans' behaviour, I can now understand why England refused to come to Belfast.

One reason was to 'protect us Irishmen from the English 'thug' fans. Another was obviously to save us from having to watch the dreary, boring football of the English national team.

Very thoughtful of your English F.A. I must admit. I can only thank them on behalf of all Irish fans.

GARY TONER, BELFAST 10.

● It is ironic that the reason England didn't go to Belfast was because of the trouble in the city.

Wanted: Clough

ONE good result in Hungary and everyone is over the moon!

The fact is, Brooking's first goal was a fluke, and Keegan's penalty was a ref's mistake.

If Hungary hadn't hit the bar, they might have come away with a 2-1 victory.

England should advertise for a new manager before disaster strikes. How about this? —

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L. HOLYOAK, AYR.

● Whatever you may think, England fully deserved their win in Budapest. They outplayed and outclassed Hungary.

Greenwood must stay

FOLLOWING England's celebrated victory over Hungary one must surely pay tribute to Ron Greenwood's managerial expertise and experience.

Only a week earlier England had suffered a humiliating 2-1 defeat and Greenwood had come under immense pressure from people at home and abroad calling for his resignation.

However, Greenwood ignored these remarks and got down to the job of lifting his side.

Surely Greenwood must stay for a while yet, having one of the most experienced and professional minds in football today?

ROBERT GOLDSMITH, SHERBOURNE.

● A manager is only as good as the players available to him.

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Record scorers

I know Newcastle had the biggest Second Division win when they beat Newport 13-0 just after the War, but who scored the goals?

ALUN WILLIAMS, REDCAR

● In that game, played on 5th October, 1946, Len Shackleton was the hero, Alun — with six goals on his debut for the club.

More than 50,000 fans were there to see Shackleton, who'd just been signed from Bradford for £13,000 — at that time the third biggest fee ever paid — and he certainly gave them value for money.

Charlie Wayman (who also missed a penalty) got four goals, Jackie Milburn two, and Roy Bentley one.

But, although Newcastle's costly and star-studded team had been strongly tipped for promotion in this first post-War season, they eventually missed out by ten points — and had to wait another season to get back to Division One.

Arsenal First

Is it true Arsenal have never played out of the First Division?

MATTHEW HELLAWELL, WEST YORKSHIRE

● They certainly have, Matthew — though not in the lifetime of anyone much under 70!

Arsenal actually made their Football League debut in the Second Division in 1893; gained promotion to the First in 1904; and were then relegated back to the Second in 1913.

Then, when the First Division was enlarged by two clubs in 1919, Arsenal were voted into one of the vacant places — and have successfully retained their First Division status ever since.

SHORT PASSES

● Ray Clemence joined Liverpool from Scunthorpe in May, 1967. (CAROL PROSSER, Stockport)

● Doncaster's record number of points is 72 in the Third Division (North) in the 1946-47 season. (JACK LIGHTFOOT, Wirral)

● Ray Wilkins was Chelsea's captain at the age of 18. He was signed by Manchester United for £825,000 in August, 1979. (JOHN FUTTRUP, Denmark)

● Malcolm Macdonald scored 95 goals in 187 League games for Newcastle before joining Arsenal in August, 1976. (CHRIS SPARROW, Norfolk)

● Record number of full England caps is held by Bobby Moore (108) — followed by Bobby Charlton (106), and Billy Wright (105). (KESTA BLUGH, West Indies)

Short Passes are replies to readers' letters.

'Return to Ipswich'

— ERIC GATES

ERIC GATES is now a superstar at Ipswich, but three seasons ago things couldn't have been more different.

"I asked for a transfer in the autumn of 1978 because Bobby Robson wouldn't give me a run in the first team, but he turned down my request.

"It was very frustrating playing in the reserves and I knew other clubs were showing an interest.

"It reached the stage where I thought the only way I could get a transfer was to walk out of the club, which I did.

"I went to my parents home near Darlington for about ten days. The boss eventually rang and persuaded me to come back."

Gates finished the season as a first team regular and the East Anglian club were unbeaten in their last nine games.

Since then he has gone on to become one of the best players in the country.



Eric Gates shows his best form for Ipswich, leaving Liverpool's Scottish international Graeme Souness behind.

'Losing to England'

— JIM PLATT

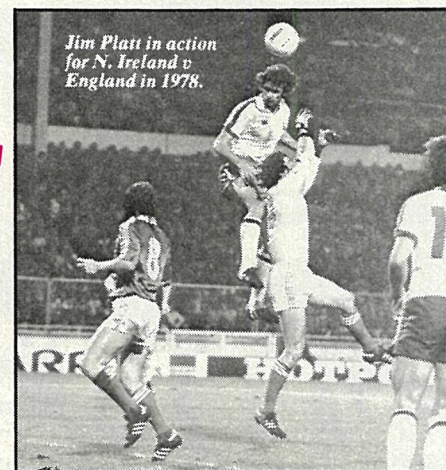
THE turning point in Jim Platt's career came when he played for Northern Ireland against England at Wembley on May 16, 1978.

Even though Ireland lost 1-0, the Middlesbrough 'keeper put on a terrific display. But that didn't stop his then club manager John Neal from buying Kilmarnock's Jim Stewart as a replacement the following day.

"I was determined to prove Boro wrong and though I was having a terrible season at Ayresome Park, that game at Wembley picked me up no end.

"The following season I went on loan to Hartlepool and Cardiff, but just before I was about to sign for Blackburn I got another chance in the side and I haven't looked back since. The turning point for me was that match against England."

This past season he has won the Northern Sportswriters "Footballer of the Year" and also the Supporters' "Player of the Year" awards.



Jim Platt in action for N. Ireland v England in 1978.

SUCCESS or failure in life can so easily turn on a decisive moment — and footballers are no exception. A promising career may crash, apparently in ruins, because of a serious injury; or, indeed, because of an ill-judged transfer . . .

MOMENTS THAT CHANGED THEIR CAREERS

'Switch to right-back'

— KENNY SWAIN

THE career of Aston Villa's Kenny Swain changed direction the day his manager asked him to play at right-back.

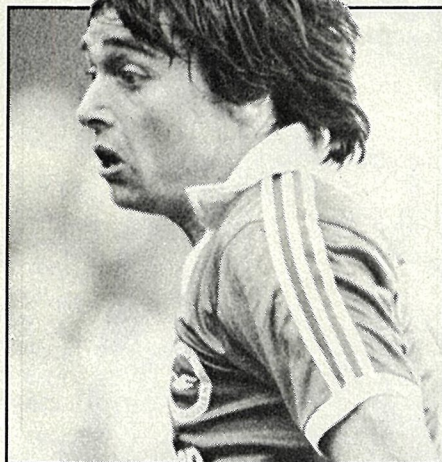
"At the beginning of the 1979-80 season our regular right-back John Gidman was having contractual problems and the gaffer asked me to fill in," says Swain.

"Then Gidman returned and I moved back to midfield. But at the beginning of October I reverted to right-back and I've been there ever since."

Now many experts believe Swain should be England's regular right-back. Yet it is doubtful if he would have come anywhere near an international squad had Ron Saunders not made that switch in the autumn of 1979.



Aston Villa's Kenny Swain cutting out the threat posed by Nottingham Forest youngster Gary Mills.



'Leaving Man. City'

— MIKE ROBINSON

MIKE ROBINSON, the Brighton striker and one of the First Division's top scorers last season with 22 goals, was almost unknown when Malcolm Allison swooped from Manchester City to pay Preston £756,000 for his goal-scoring talents during the summer of 1979.

But everything went wrong for both player and club. In some circles the boy wonder became the misfit, but a year later Robinson's career was rescued by Brighton manager Alan Mullery, who threw him a lifeline with a £400,000 transfer.

He now had a second chance to reshape his career and he took it, though not without some doubts.

"I had to think long and hard before making the move, especially as I had made a disastrous choice the previous year," recalls Robinson. "But Alan Mullery impressed me and I've no regrets, although it was disappointing when Alan left."

'TV debut'

— ANDY PEAKE

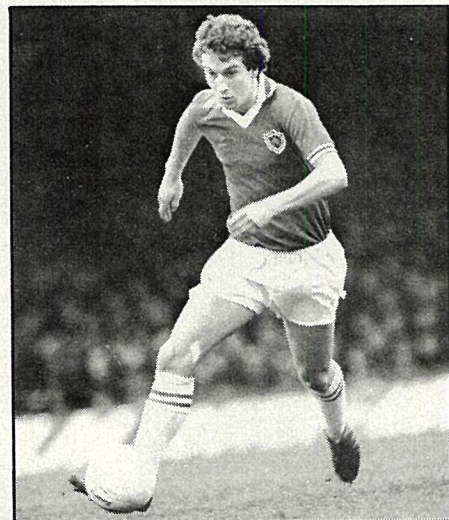
ANDY PEAKE could not have chosen a better moment to make his debut for Leicester than in an F.A. Cup Third Round tie on January 6, 1979.

The weather had decimated the Cup programme and only three matches survived that particular Saturday.

The game between Leicester and Norwich at Filbert Street was one of them. The TV cameras recorded Leicester's 3-0 victory and from being an obscure apprentice 17-year-old Peake became an established name.

"I couldn't believe it when Jock Wallace told me I'd be playing," he says.

"But I grabbed the opportunity. The reaction from the Press the next day was amazing, and it really was a dream come true."





KEVIN'S PLACE IN THE SUN



WITH the pressures of England's recent European tour, captain Kevin Keegan was glad to take a break with his wife Jean and three-year-old daughter Laura-Jane. As you can see, Kevin had a great time soaking up the sun and testing the golf courses in Marbella on the Costa del Sol.



SHOOT!

Greenwood's mistake by COLIN TODD

COLIN TODD, one of the classiest international players of the past 20 years, believes that manager Ron Greenwood has blundered in his strategy for England's 1982 World Cup bid.

Todd, now a key member of the Birmingham side and rated by his club boss Jim Smith as still one of England's best defenders, says: "Following our failure in last year's European Championship we should have been looking to get new players ready for Spain."

"But Ron Greenwood stuck by his old faithfuls, and now it is too late to introduce new faces. The players he should have groomed won't be ready in time."

Todd believes things started to go wrong for England in the 2-1 defeat by Spain last March.

"After that, Greenwood had no alternative but to bring back the older, more experienced men," he says. "But if the side that lost to Spain had been together for 12 months, defeat in a friendly wouldn't have mattered."

Todd won 27 caps for England, but never played under Green-

wood. Nevertheless, his experience of international football makes his opinion a valuable one.

"It takes time to build a side, but we don't have that time now. The right time to make changes was after the European Championship, but that chance to make improvements was ignored."

"Players such as Osman, Butcher, Rix, Hoddle, Robson, Shaw and Devonshire should all have been played together in lesser games to get to know each other, but now Ron Greenwood won't be able to use many of them in time for Spain."

Yet Todd is quick to point out he is not criticising the older men in the England side.

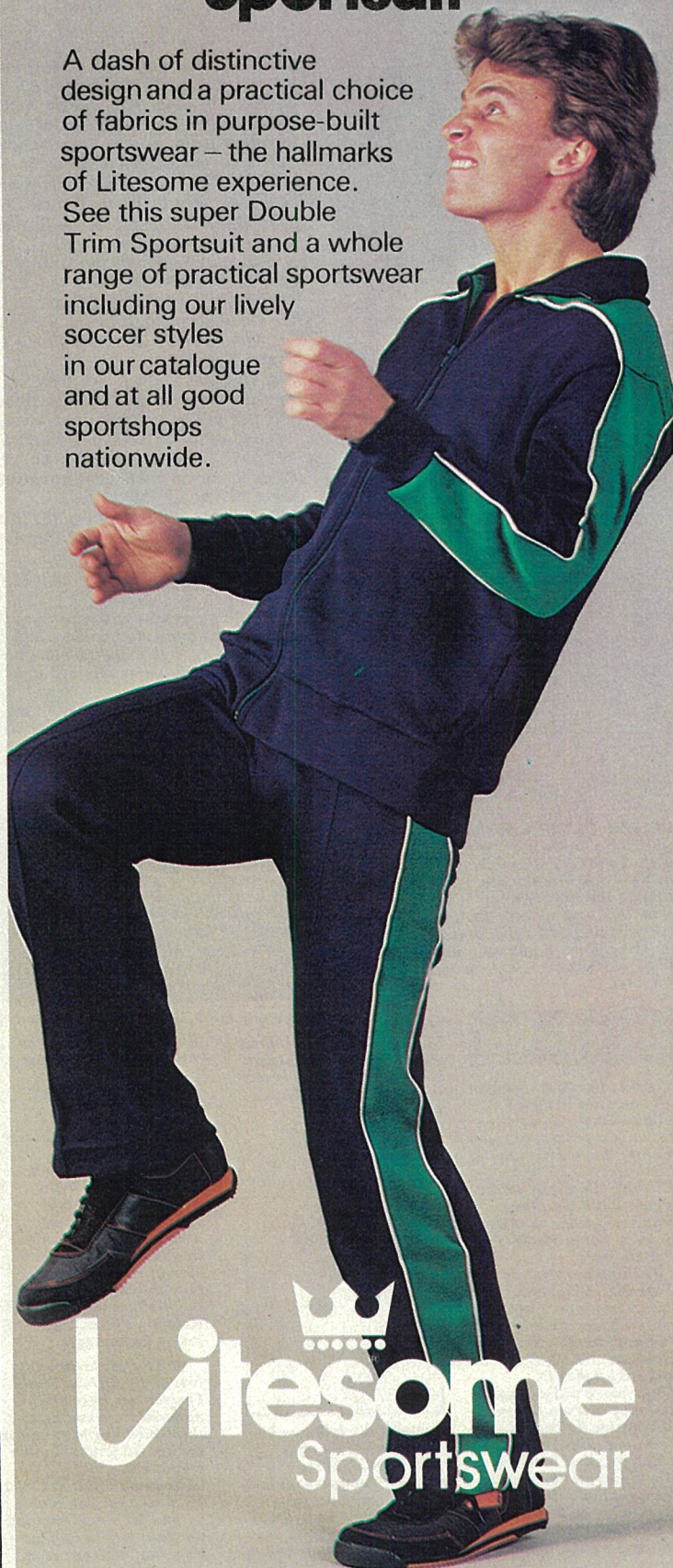
"The old guard won't let us down," he says. "As they showed against Hungary in Budapest recently, they will do the job when it is needed."

"But the trouble is, they won't win anything in Spain, and that has to be our objective. Going along to make up the numbers is just not good enough."



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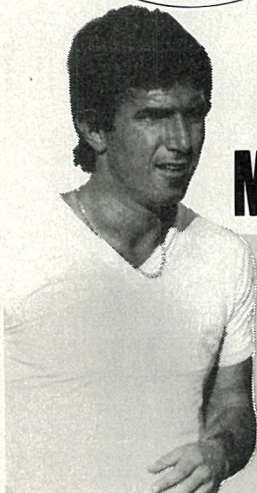
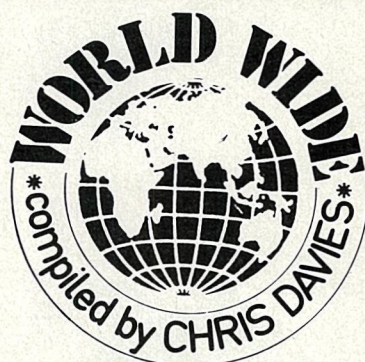
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THE national stadium in Cairo was packed with 100,000 fans for the World Cup tie between Morocco and Egypt. Having lost 1-0 in Casablanca, Egypt had to win or be eliminated and their Defence Minister bought 30,000 tickets that were given free to Egyptian soldiers to urge their team on.

But the result was a 0-0 draw and Egypt, who played in one pre-War World Cup, will have to wait until 1986, at least, to appear again in the Finals.



REAL MONEY

REAL MADRID'S season came to an abrupt and sad halt within the space of just four days.

Following their defeat by Liverpool in the European Cup Final, they crashed 2-3 at home to Sporting Gijón in the Quarter-Finals of the Spanish Cup, with Juanito (left) gently rolling a vital penalty wide of the left-hand post.

But if Real's campaign ended with tears and long faces, at least the players' bank balances look a bit more cheerful.

The club paid them a bonus of £2,750 a man for losing to Liverpool!

VELEZ MOSTAR won the Yugoslav F.A. Cup, now re-named the Marshal Tito Cup, beating Zvezdarnik (Sarajevo) 3-2 in the Final in Belgrade. Now Velez will play in the Cup-Winners' Cup after their first big trophy win, but they will be without Slobodan Halilhodzic, scorer of all three Final goals who has signed to play in France next season for FC Nantes.

MORE British players in the North American Soccer League... Alan Willey has gone from Los Angeles to Montreal; Mark Lindsay from California Surf to San Jose; Graham Oates of California has been released; Barry Siddall has joined Vancouver; Mike Pickering is now with San Diego.

News flashes

● Swedish fans are not at all interested in their F.A. Cup and the clubs only try to win it in order to get into Europe. In the 1981 Cup Final Kalmar FF beat Elfsborg (Boras) by 4-0, but a mere 2,000 spectators watched it at the 65,000 capacity Solna Stadium in Stockholm.

● Danish capital Copenhagen is once more the centre for their football, too, with four clubs in the 16 team First Division. Hvidovre, BK 93, B 1903 and KB all play in Copenhagen while Lyngby also play in a small town just outside the capital.

● Luxembourg are, as usual, pointless in their World Cup group but their manager Louis Pilot feels his men are on the right track. He turned down the manager's job at Standard

Liege in Belgium, a club he played for with distinction, and has signed a new one-year contract with the Luxembourg F.A.

● Ryszard Kulesza (below), sacked as manager of Poland after two years of struggle in which he failed



to impose discipline on his players, has gone off to Africa and signed a four-year contract to guide Tunisia's national team.

● Michele Andreolo has died in Bologna, aged 69, so poor that the state had to

pay for his funeral. Who was Andreolo? The star defender in the Italian team that won the 1938 World Cup in Paris.

● Todor Kolev of Marek Dimitrov has been suspended for life by the Bulgarian F.A. In the dressing room after a League match against Trakia Plovdiv he kicked and punched Trakia star Georgi Slavkov so badly that he was taken to hospital unconscious. Now Kolev also faces legal action for damages.

● Algeria, in the last four of the African World Cup section, have a new national team manager, their third Yugoslav boss in the last ten years. The new man in charge is 62-year-old Milovan Ciric. He played for Yugoslavia in the 1954 World Cup and was later manager of the Yugoslav national team.

Kiwis through — and Aussies' boss heads for England

AUSTRALIA'S World Cup bid ground to a sudden halt. After some 30 months of debates, arguments, controversies, calamities and minor scandals, Australia are out of the race.

The 2-0 home defeat to New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground and then New Zealand's easy 5-0 romp against Indonesia a week later settled the issue.

The day after Australia's virtual elimination, controversial and tempestuous coach Rudi Gutendorf's career at the Antipodes also came to an end. Under immense pressure from the Federation — plus public and Press — he was forced to resign.

Gutendorf (right), who, until the very last moment believed in his infallibility, was nonplussed to see his disorganised team outclassed by the surprisingly clever and classy Kiwis.

In the days after the match, he blamed everybody for his downfall: the players, local coaches and "spies" who, in his view, had been feeding "secret data" on the Aussies to the New Zealand coach, John Adshead.

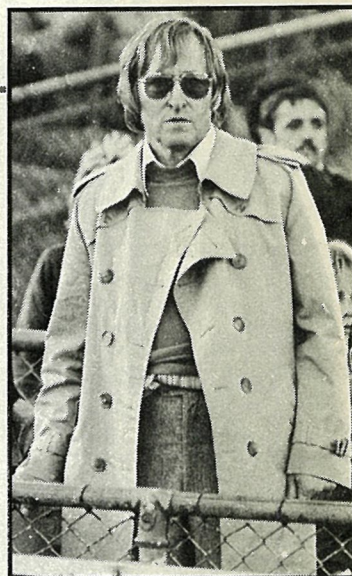
"I have been thinking for days now trying to see if I made a

mistake somewhere," he said, "but couldn't find any."

Well, perhaps he didn't. But the Federation did: after having spent £300,000 on the team's preparations — and expecting to reap a harvest of another £750,000 from sponsorship deals, endorsements and World Cup gate receipts — they abruptly ended Gutendorf's rule which, if one is to believe his players, was a 30-month reign of terror.

Gutendorf will collect his salary until the end of August — reputedly £25,000 a year — but won't linger on: within a week or two he'll return to his native Koblenz in West Germany where he has managed to "coach together" a few luxury apartments, all leased.

"I have two offers from overseas, from Germany, USA and England," he said in his typically confused way. "I'll decide soon which one to take. I'd prefer to try it in England next."



So brace yourself, England: if Rudi hits our shores, they won't ever be the same again.

VILLA WARNING

JUST a word of warning for Spurs and Aston Villa as they await the draws for the 1981/82 Euro Cups... they could be in for a shock.

Neither team will be seeded, because they haven't reached the Semi-Finals stage in Europe over the past five years. So instead of breaking in gently, they could find themselves facing a team from West Germany, Italy or Spain as opposed to a Finnish or Maltese one.

Busy Netzer

GUNTER NETZER, business manager of Hamburger SV, has been plagued for months by NASL club Calgary who wanted to sign HSV striker Willi Reimann, a veteran of ten seasons with the German club.

Netzer said "no" repeatedly, but when new trainer Ernst Happel saw Reimann he told Netzer "let him go". Netzer was then kept on the phone for five hours, making calls to Canada and finally at 03.30 clinched the deal for £50,000.

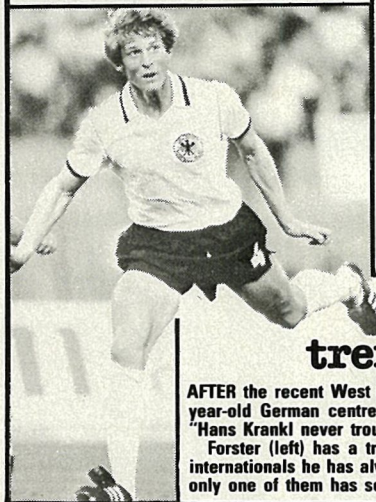
Then, five hours later, he was back in his office phoning to Amsterdam, trying to buy Ajax's Moluccan winger Simon Tahamata... again at Happel's request.

Why Manny wants 67 caps...

MANFRED KALTZ earned his 50th cap for West Germany in the 4-0 away win over Finland and after the game told the Press he was looking forward to his 67th cap.

Asked why 67 was his ambition he told them that in his younger days he shared a room with Willi Schulz.

It seems that Schulz kept Kaltz awake all one night going over his 66 caps, almost move by move, and Kaltz decided that at all costs he must get more caps than Schulz, then invite him to his home for dinner and bore him to death!



...Forster's tremendous record

AFTER the recent West Germany-Austria World Cup qualifier (2-0), 22-year-old German centre-back Karl-Heinz Forster (VfB Stuttgart) said: "Hans Krankl never troubled me. He hardly touched the ball."

Forster (left) has a tremendous record for Germany. In his 26 full internationals he has always marked the opposing centre-forward and only one of them has scored a goal — the Argentinian Ramon Diaz.

Menotti's system approved

GOOD news from Spain's World Cup Committee, who have decided to adopt a suggestion originally put forward by Argentina manager Cesar Luis Menotti after the Copa de Oro in Uruguay.

Perturbed by the meaningless Italy-Holland game, and Brazil's advantage in knowing exactly how many goals they had to score against an unmotivated West Germany, Menotti proposed that these problems could be solved if the team losing the opening game had to play the next fixture.

The second phase of next year's World Cup is being played in similar groups of three teams, and it looks as though FIFA have agreed to Menotti's system.

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & WALES ON THEIR WAY



THE EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS?

WEST GERMANY
AUSTRIA
BELGIUM
FRANCE
WALES
USSR
ENGLAND

RUMANIA
ITALY
YUGOSLAVIA
SCOTLAND
PORTUGAL
POLAND

STATE OF THE WORLD CUP GROUPS

GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W. Germany	4	4	0	0	11	1	8
Austria	5	4	0	1	10	2	8
Bulgaria	5	3	0	2	9	6	6
Albania	5	1	0	4	3	10	2
Finland	5	0	0	5	0	14	0

THERE'S never been much danger of West Germany and Austria *not* qualifying. The Germans won in Hamburg and even if the Austrians don't win the return they'll still almost certainly reach Spain.

West Germany have been reinforced by the return of Paul Breitner and Klaus Fischer, although they were brought down to earth by the friendly home defeat by rampant Brazil.



West Germany 2, Austria 0... the two likely qualifiers from Group One.

GROUP 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	6	4	1	1	10	6	9
Eire	6	3	1	2	12	7	7
France	4	3	0	1	12	3	6
Holland	5	3	0	2	6	3	6
Cyprus	7	0	0	7	4	25	0

THE most competitive group of all, with four strong countries competing for the two places in Spain. The Republic of Ireland have had terrible luck with refereeing decisions, decisions which will probably cost them a place in the Finals.

France can get a maximum of 14 points; Belgium and Holland 12. Eire, who have to play Holland (away) and France (home) could hold the key to the group.

GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	5	4	1	0	10	0	9
Czechoslovakia	4	3	0	1	11	2	6
USSR	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
Iceland	5	1	0	4	5	18	2
Turkey	5	0	0	5	1	13	0

A DELICATELY balanced group with no clear favourites to go through: obviously it will be two from Wales, Czechoslovakia and the USSR, but which two is anyone's guess.

Even the goal-difference is working out to be roughly equal. Let's assume Wales beat Iceland in their remaining home game. Eleven points. Let's also assume Wales draw in Czechoslovakia. Twelve points.

That leaves the Czechs with a maximum 13 points, but it would mean them having to beat the USSR both home and away, plus victory in Iceland.

A stiff target, so if Mike England's men can beat Iceland and draw in Czechoslovakia they should be safe.

GROUP 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	6	3	1	2	11	6	7
Rumania	5	2	2	1	4	3	6
Hungary	4	2	1	1	6	6	5
Switzerland	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Norway	5	1	1	3	4	9	3

IF England win in Norway and beat Hungary at Wembley they'll be in the World Cup Finals for the first time in 12 years, bar a miracle. They have the best goal-difference in the group and at the end of the day it could be worth an extra point.

Rumania have to play in Switzerland and the Swiss, under the management of Paul Wolfisberg, are quite capable of doing to the Rumanians what they did to England.

Hungary must go to Rumania, where they'll be hard pressed to even draw.

Indeed, had Switzerland not lost at home to Norway the group could have been very interesting indeed.



Wales 0, USSR 0... will the Welsh reach their first Finals since 1958?

GROUP 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	5	4	0	1	9	3	8
Yugoslavia	4	3	0	1	12	4	6
Denmark	6	3	0	3	9	6	6
Greece	5	3	0	2	6	7	6
Luxembourg	6	0	0	6	1	17	0

DESPITE Italy's shock 3-1 defeat in Denmark, it's 99 per cent certain they will go through, along with Yugoslavia. Italy have the luxury of playing Luxembourg at home, plus Greece, even if they must still travel to Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavia, also, have yet to play Luxembourg at home — that will give them eight points, so if they just draw in Greece it will mean the Greeks will have to win in Italy.

When the draw was made it looked relatively easy for Italy and Yugoslavia and at just about the halfway stage the situation hasn't changed.

GROUP 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	5	3	2	0	6	2	8
N. Ireland	6	2	2	2	5	3	6
Portugal	4	2	1	1	4	1	5
Sweden	5	1	2	2	2	5	4
Israel	6	0	3	3	2	8	3

SCOTLAND need three points from their remaining three games to qualify and as two of these are at Hampden Park, the Tartan Army should be on the march again.

The Irish must beat Scotland and Israel at Windsor Park and then keep their fingers crossed. But following their defeat in Sweden it all points to Scotland and Portugal qualifying for the Finals.

GROUP 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	2	2	0	0	3	0	4
E. Germany	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Malta	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

ONLY one team goes through and goal-difference may be the deciding factor. If East Germany beat Poland at home, it will then be down to which of the two sides manages to score the most goals against cannon-fodder Malta.

Poland may have the edge — they play Malta last and will know exactly what they have to do.

ABERDEEN'S skilful mid-field dynamo Gordon Strachan is one of the nice guys in football.

On the night Alan Rough picked up his Scottish Player of the Year award at the Albany Hotel in Glasgow, Strachan was with his Aberdeen team-mates in Spain on an end-of-season holiday.

However, that didn't stop him sending a congratulatory telegram to Rough, the man taking over the title he won the previous term and a goalkeeper who, in fact, saved a penalty-kick from the Pittodrie

as soon as possible. We've got games against Sweden at Hampden and Northern Ireland in Belfast in September and October and hopefully the boss, Jock Stein, won't have forgotten me."

Strachan, one of the most inventive, gifted players in the game, has a huge role to play for Scotland and Aberdeen next season and every lover of good football will no doubt be wishing the Pittodrie prince of the precision pass the best of luck in his efforts to achieve full fitness.

"I'm feeling great at the moment," says Strachan.

McLeish may have had a shaky start, but he soon recovered and played superbly.

"Miller didn't put a foot wrong. He organised things really well at the back. I can't praise them enough."

Strachan has been on the outside looking in over the past few agonising months. Now he is ready to burst upon the scene once more.

He is out to make up for lost time and Strachan in this sort of mood is a fearsome sight indeed. Welcome back, Gordon. We've missed you!

DON'T FORGET STRACHAN

- our message to Scotland boss Jock Stein

player during the season!

Strachan is also one of the most determined players in the game and he says: "It was agony last season when I had to sit on the sidelines after being ruled out through injury.

"I tore stomach muscles and they took an awful long time to heal. There was nothing I could do but sit in the stand and watch my mates in action.

"And, of course, I missed out on the international scene as well after making the initial breakthrough last year in the British Championship.

"I scored the only goal of our opening World Cup game against Sweden in Stockholm and I was looking forward to knocking in a few more on the way to Spain.

"Injury, though, soon put a stop to that, but I'm determined to get back into the international arena

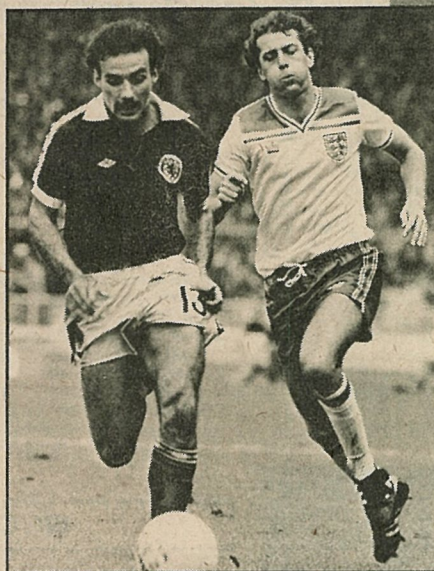
"Couldn't be better, in fact. I've really got my appetite back for soccer.

"Missing so many games last season has really whetted my appetite, I can tell you. I'm rarin' to go, as they say."

Aberdeen players are likely to be key members of Jock Stein's World Cup side. Central defenders Alex McLeish and Willie Miller proved their defensive qualities in the 1-0 Wembley triumph over England.

"I don't like talking about individual players, but I thought McLeish and Miller were outstanding against the English," says Stein.

"They did everything that was asked of them and more. The lad



Willie Miller (above, left) was outstanding for Scotland during the British Championship.



PAT MCCLUSKEY had the sort of debut that is normally reserved for Boys' Own adventures stories.

McCluskey, then with Celtic, went with the travelling party to Italy for a European Cup Semi-Final encounter against the famed Inter Milan in the frightening arena of the San Siro Stadium.

The versatile McCluskey was pitchforked into the team as a

substitute at left-back and he played a starring role as Celtic fought and won a goalless first-leg draw. That was nine years ago. Now Pat is playing for Airdrie, away from the glamour of Parkhead.

"Of course, I miss not playing for Celtic, but I wanted regular first team football and that's why I joined the Dumbarton club a few years ago.

"I haven't lost any of my ambi-

tion. That's why I left Dumbarton last season.

"I said then that I wanted Premier Division football and I was delighted to sign for Airdrie and play in the Top Ten.

"Airdrie may not be the most glamorous outfit on earth, but they have a good bunch of lads and I enjoy playing my football at Broomfield."

European Cup football may be a million light years away now for

a successful team. Remember, I played against Airdrie for Celtic in a Scottish Cup Final a few years ago and the Broomfield men took a fair support to Hampden that afternoon.

"Celtic scored first through Paul Wilson, but the Airdrie fans really let themselves be heard when Kevin McCann got the equaliser. Wilson put us ahead again just before the interval and, whisper it, I got the decisive goal from the

McCluskey's European encounter



McCluskey, but the determination and application that marked his years as a Celtic player is very much in evidence.

He lines up with the equally adaptable George Anderson, also bought last season for £30,000 from Morton, and no strikers can look forward to tussles with this no-nonsense double-act.

McCluskey adds: "I know just how much the Airdrie public want

penalty-spot in the second half.

"But Airdrie impressed me that day with their fighting performance. It would be nice to think that they might get to Hampden again for a Scottish Cup Final and I got the decisive goal again!"

McCluskey, quiet and unassuming off the pitch, has also been recognised at Under-23 level by Scotland. He has had some good times in the past, but he is adamant there are good times still ahead for him and his Broomfield team-mates.

If he continues to play with astonishing consistency it would be difficult to disagree with him.

Airdrie's Kevin McCann scores despite Pat McCluskey's tackle during the 1975 Scottish Cup Final. Now, Pat stars for the Broomfield side.

INSTEAD of taking it easy this summer, I'm training regularly by myself in an effort to improve my form for next season. I was pleased to see the end of 1980-81. I missed half of it with a groin injury, returned, but never really found my best form and in Hungary I was dropped from the England team.

That underlined the need to be at my peak as we report back for pre-season training. The next year is going to be an important one and I'm determined to win back my place in the England team as we bid to reach the World Cup Finals.

I wasn't surprised we won in Hungary, just as I wasn't surprised



"I felt so happy for Ron Greenwood after our victory in Hungary. We repaid the faith he had shown in us all."

'I wanted to come home'



when we eventually lost in Switzerland. After ten minutes or so in Basle I had a feeling that we were going to be the victims of a bad decision, a controversial goal or something similar. In the event we presented the Swiss with two goals in as many minutes.

Funnily enough, I was chatting to Kevin Keegan after the match and he told me he had exactly the same feeling.

Disappointed

That defeat in Switzerland was a killer. All the players felt terribly disappointed. I just wanted to leave Zurich, go home, prepare for the Hungary game in England and fly out again.

But whatever people may say about English footballers — and quite a bit has been said this year — we never give in. Our backs were to the wall, yet we bounced back to beat Hungary in the Nép Stadium.

We'd heard about Nyilasi and the technique of the Hungarians. Only the little number 11, Torocsik, had any kind of skill and at least he kept going, which is more than his team-mates did. They threw in the towel as we showed our resilience and ability to come back from the dead.

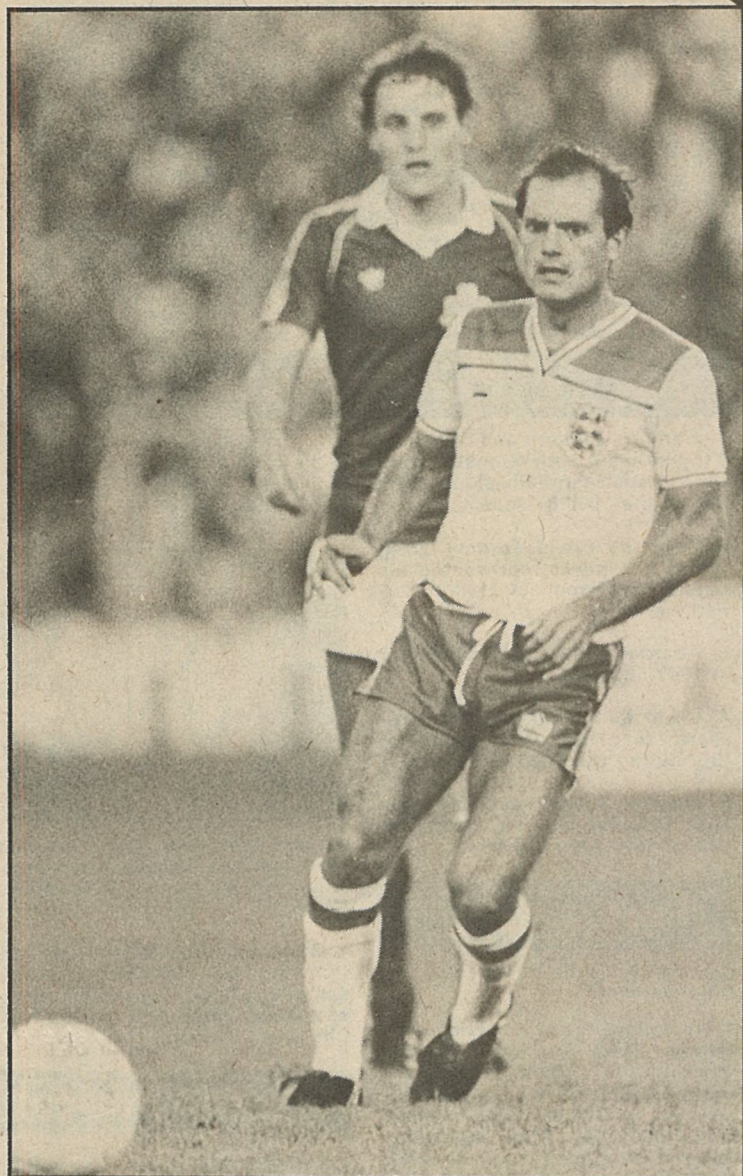
The Hungarian defence was pulled everywhere by our forwards.



Now our fate is in our own hands. Hungary will be petrified when they come to Wembley later in the year — they certainly know we can play a bit now.

Just as I was worried about Switzerland, I was sure we'd win in Budapest. I've never seen the squad — not just the team, but all the players — so determined. The dressing-room before the game was incredible. I've never heard so much noise as we all geed each other up.

From a personal point of view, it hurt not to be playing, but I was more than happy just to be on the



ABOVE: "I had a feeling that we were going to receive a shock against the Swiss." LEFT: "Kenny Sansom must get over the disappointment of being dropped."

bench and when I came on for Trevor Brooking I was delighted. To have been part of such an historic victory was a privilege.

Ron Greenwood was justified in dropping me. I knew I hadn't produced the goods and he explained his reasons to me. The criticism I'd received hurt, though. A year ago I was being praised to the sky and now I found myself under fire from Bobby Charlton and others on television and the Press.

Determined

Maybe I've made a rod for my own back by being too self-critical. I'm just determined to give these critics something to talk about next season — and it'll be good things.

The team the boss chose to face Hungary was the most experienced he could have selected. None of the players needed reminding what was at stake. Even though it was barely mentioned, we knew we were possibly playing for the future of the manager.

I hope that Kenny Sansom gets over his omission. He's a good

player and was possibly unfortunate, but he must get over it and bounce back.

I think the key to the victory was the attitude of the squad and the experience of the players. Four Liverpool stars plus two from Ipswich, which meant half the team had been through a successful European campaign.

The average age of the team, I read, was 29. The side has been written off before, but the players have shown their character and will do so again.

We now have a platform to build on. I felt so happy for the manager, who must be just about the nicest man in football. The win in Budapest was the perfect way of repaying the faith he's had in us.

Join me again in two weeks when I'll be talking about my new club manager Ron Atkinson, recalling the time he criticised me on TV.

Cheers for now,

Ray Wilkins

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time



True or False?

1. Stirling Albion and Berwick Rangers were both relegated from the Scottish First Division at the end of the 1980-81 season.

2. Swansea City's Tommy Craig (right) has never represented his native Scotland at full international level.

3. Aberdeen won the Scottish Cup in 1947 and 1970.

4. David Kemp finished top goalscorer for Third Division Exeter City during the 1980-81 season.

5. Ipswich Town were the only First Division club to finish last season unbeaten at home.



Second Division Championship medal plus a League Championship medal, and Shrewsbury Town.

4. Managed his club to promotion from the Fourth Division last season after a highly successful career as a player with Leeds United, Hull City and Scotland. **BILLY BREMMER**

... And present

1. Did Sammy Lee (Liverpool), Gary Mills (Nottingham Forest) or Remi Moses (West Brom) captain the England Under-21's on their recent tour of Switzerland and Hungary? **LEE**

2. Manchester United's Martin Buchan began his League career in Scotland with which Premier Division club? **ABERDEEN**

3. David Moss (right) made 217 League appearances plus 13 as substitute for Swansea City, Scunthorpe United or Swindon Town before moving on to Luton Town? **SWINDON**

Computer Puzzle Kevin Keegan

Programme this star player by plugging the gaps in his career.

1. He began his League career with **SCUNTHORPE**

2. He joined Liverpool in the Spring of **1971** for £33,000.

3. Made his full England debut against **IRELAND** in November, 1972.

4. Moved to West German club Hamburger SV in the summer of **1977**

5. Was voted European Footballer of the Year for the first time in **1978**

Computer performance rating: 5 Superb; 4 Excellent; 3 Good.



Schoolboys

England played West Germany in two Schoolboy internationals recently. Can you answer the following questions?

1. Did the Germans win the first game 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2?

2. What was the half-time score?

3. Where was the game played?

4. The second game, played a few days later, England had their revenge when they beat West Germany 2-0, 3-0 or 4-0?

5. The match was played at Poole, Portsmouth or Preston?

Grounds

1. Which Scottish club plays their home Premier Division games at Broomfield Park? **AIRDRIE**

2. Did West Ham or Orient previously play their home games at the Memorial Recreation Ground, Canning Town in East London? **WEST HAM**

3. Ayr United play at Somerset, Sussex or Surrey Park? **SOMERSET**

4. Which clubs play at (a) The Shay, (b) Gigg Lane, (c) Kilbowie Park and (d) Firhill Park? **HALIFAX, BURY, CLYDEBANK, PARTICK THISTLE**

On the Ball answers

ACROSS:— (1) Jog. (3) Arena. (5) Neal. (6) Holland. (10) Sea. (11) Peter Eastoe. (14) Low. (16) Tor. (17) Shaun Brooks. (19) Rut. (20) Nestles. (22) Moss. (23) Craig. (25) War. DOWN:— (1) Joe. (2) Grandstands. (3) Ail. (4) Masseur. (7) Ore. (8) Alan Ainscow. (9) Malmö. (11) Pat. (12) Terry. (13) Rostron. (15) Was. (18) One. (21) Leg. (24) Ayr.

Past stars . . .

Can you identify the past stars by the following clues?

1. As a player he saw service with Airdrie, West Bromwich Albion, Workington Town, Hereford United, Bedford Town and Berwick Rangers, where he later became player-manager. After managing Rangers he moved South in June, 1978, to take over a Second Division club. Later guided them to the Second Division Championship. **JOCK WALLACE**

2. Spent six years as a player with Grimsby Town and four with Lincoln City. Rated by many as one of the most talented young managers in the game today. Took over the reins at Vicarage Road in June, 1977, after previously managing Lincoln City. **GRAHAM TAYLOR**

3. Was recently appointed boss in the North-East. Played for Cardiff City, Derby County, where he won

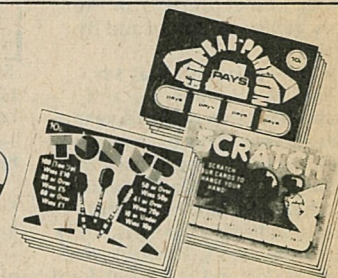
ANSWERS:

TRUE OR FALSE: 1. True. 2. False — he has played once. 3. True. 4. False — it was Plymouth. 5. False — it was Arsenal.
PAST STARS: 1. Leicester City's Jock Wallace. 2. Graham Taylor of Sunningdale. 3. Alan Durban, new manager of Sunningdale. 4. Doncaster's Billy Bremner.
AND PRESENT: 1. Lee. 2. Aberdeen. 3. Swindon Town.
GROUNDS: 1. Airdrie. 2. West Ham. 3. Somerset. 4. (a) Halifax Town, (b) Bury.
COMPUTER PUZZLE: 1. Scunthorpe. (c) Clydebank. (d) Partick Thistle.
SCHOOLBOYS: 1. 2-1. 2. 0-0. 3. Wembley. 4. 4-0. 5. Poole.

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NEWCASTLE'S FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL

FOR those fervent fans of Newcastle United who are shrouded in deep gloom at the present crisis in the club's history, former Magpies' boss Joe Harvey has a stirring message. He says: "Relax — I've seen it all before!"

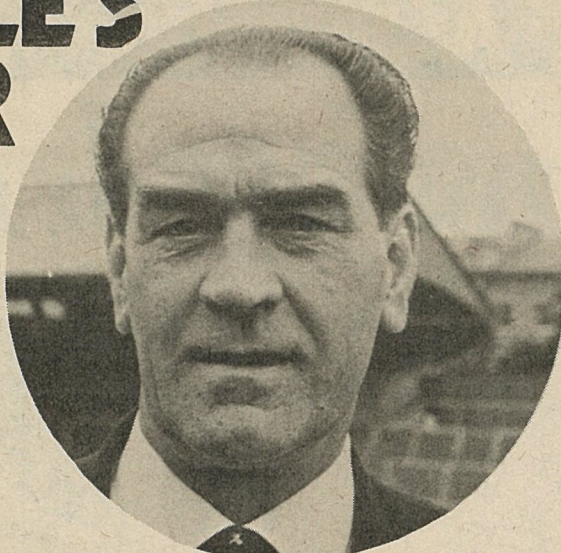
Falling gates, poor results in the Second Division and the shortage of big names in United's line-up have caused acute depression on Tyneside, but Harvey, now in charge of the Gallowgate scouting system, has strong reasons for believing that Newcastle can still recover their First Division status.

Joe, usually genial, pulls no punches when he growls: "There is no need for pessimism, and I'm not being complacent when I say I can see a light at the end of the tunnel."

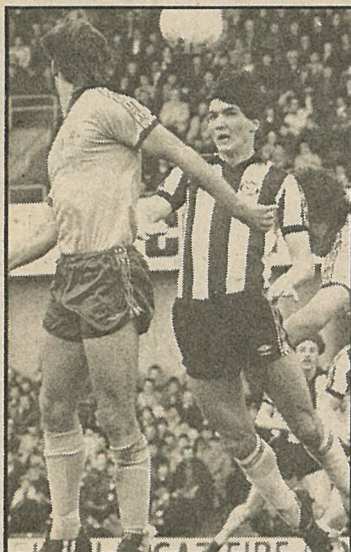
"At the beginning of last season when we were rooted at the bottom of the Second Division, I began to have doubts for the first time about whether or not Newcastle United could survive as a big name club."

"Then, under our new manager, Arthur Cox, we climbed up the table to a position of safety, and it all reminded me of a similar situation in 1962."

"At that time, United were £100,000 in the red at the bank, and in an end-of-the-season game at Brighton, we faced relegation to the Third Division if defeated — but Newcastle won 2-0 and were saved."



Joe Harvey, optimistic about Newcastle's future.



"I took over as boss shortly after, and it was far from plain sailing. I can remember when we were away to Swansea and Cardiff in the same week, and were so hard up that we travelled by bus for cheapness — and still made the trip at a loss. But we never gave up."

"Those memories of what the club has gone through and survived before makes me certain that Newcastle can come through the present bad period."

In Harvey's view, Newcastle's problems would be partly solved if the Football League approve a scheme which is the brainchild of United's chairman, Stan Seymour.

"I think that Newcastle get a raw deal when they have to give 25 per cent of their home gates to visiting teams, especially when United can

Mick Harford has proved one of Arthur Cox's shrewdest buys.

travel to an away ground and receive much less for their 25 per cent share of a gate around 5,000," says Harvey.

"But Mr Seymour's proposal that we keep all of our home gate, and other clubs do the same when we visit them would help us if adopted. After all, Newcastle's average attendances for past years have been over 20,000, which is above what the majority of Second Division clubs can draw."

As the manager who was responsible for taking such crowd-pleasers as Malcolm Macdonald, Terry McDermott and Terry Hibbitt to Gallowgate, Harvey knows better than most the importance to a club of players with real talent — and points out why he considers that star performers will tread the turf at St. James' in the future.

'Local Talent'

"In the North-East it should be remembered that there has always been plenty of local talent to be groomed into top-class material — remember Jackie Milburn, Albert Stubbins, Bobby Cowell and Ernie Taylor, to name but a few former Newcastle discoveries?"

"Buying players, of course, is harder today than it used to be, and it's no longer possible to pick up good players at a reasonable price — the modern game is all about money."

"Which brings me to the crux of the whole problem — to draw big attendances and make the money to buy star players, ideally to blend with those youngsters we can develop, Newcastle must win promotion as quickly as possible. This is our top priority."

"Last season we started a revival by appointing Arthur Cox as manager. Next season under him, I'm confident that Newcastle will make a tremendous effort to leave the memory of recent setbacks far behind."

GOALSCORING ace Bryan Robson has plenty to celebrate this close season.

He played an important part in Carlisle's successful fight against relegation in 1980-81, his wife Maureen presented him with a baby daughter in May, and he is now assistant manager at Brunton Park.

The former Newcastle United, West Ham and Sunderland favourite thought long and hard before leaving soccer-crazy Wearside for the more peaceful, rural surrounding of Cumbria.

But he soon made his presence felt at Carlisle by hitting six goals in nine games as the Third Division club moved towards safety in the League during April.

And at 35, Robson believes he still has a lot to contribute on the field — which is why he will combine his playing duties with those required of him as manager Bob Stokoe's right-hand man.

Future Plans

"At this stage in my career, it's important that I plan for the future, although I don't intend to be hanging up my boots for some time yet."

"I haven't lost my zest for scoring goals. Hitting the back of the net is what I enjoy doing most, and if I can score ten goals next season, it means I'll have reached a total of 250 since starting out with Newcastle."

For next season, Robson regards promotion as top priority and says: "The view here is that we are a Second Division club, so we need to get out of the Third as quickly as possible. But other clubs have the same idea, so it's going to be hard."

POP TO TOP 250

"We must start off well in August, hopefully with the addition of three or four new players in the squad. The pattern of past years has been that Carlisle have struggled to find their form early on, killing off hopes of being among the leaders before the season has got properly under way."

"Soon after I arrived at Brunton Park I achieved a good understanding with Peter Beardsley and Gordon Staniforth, and in the closing weeks of the term the team was beginning to take on the right shape. If we can carry on like that next season we'll be moving in the right direction."

As a prominent striker who has received close attention from defenders throughout the years, Robson has proved to be a durable player.

In an era when scorers frequently get clobbered, "Pop's" biggest worry has been hamstring trouble — he has never been seriously hurt, and plans to keep it that way, if possible.

He says: "Some people think that the Third Division is very physical, but it hasn't posed any special problems for me."

"With referees clamping down on the tackle from behind, a forward's job has been made easier at all levels. In fact, I've had rougher treatment in some First Division matches than I've had since joining Carlisle."

Robson, who was born in Sunderland, made his name with Newcastle United before twice



having spells on the books of both West Ham and Sunderland. And he confesses that there are aspects of the game in the North-East that he misses.

"St. James' Park and Roker are two grounds well-known for the tremendous excitement they can generate. I've been lucky enough to play at both places and would like to see the good times return for their fans."

For Football Association of Ireland read Find Another Irishman!



SINCE FIFA changed their rules to allow players to play for the land of their parents, there can be no doubt that the Republic of Ireland have taken full advantage of the change. To date, 23 English and one Scottish-born player have worn the green.

Manchester United have always had strong links with Ireland and it's no surprise to learn that United provided the first Anglo-Irish soccer international.

Shay Brennan, who incidentally was in the England preliminary squad of 40 for the 1962 World Cup, made history when he won the first of his 31 Eire caps against Spain in May, 1965.

Brennan, who was born in Manchester of Irish parents, was followed by two Londoners John Dempsey and Joe Kinnear in 1973.

English-born players who have been capped by Eire.

Shay Brennan	Jeff Chandler
John Dempsey	Terry Donovan
Joe Kinnear	Mickey Walsh
Peter Thomas	Michael Robinson
Mick Kearns	Brendan O'Callaghan
Gerry Peyton	Austin Hayes
Ron Healey	Eamonn O'Keefe
Jim McDonagh	Kevin O'Callaghan
Terry Mancini	
David O'Leary	
Chris Hughton	
Mark Lawrenson	
Gary Waddock	
Jerry Murphy	
Tony Grealish	

SCOTLAND:
Charlie Gallagher

Left to right:
Mark Lawrenson
Mick Robinson
Chris Hughton
Kevin O'Callaghan

Left:
Tony Grealish

All rules are stretched, and so it is with football. And when Michael Robinson had to go back to his great-grandmother to trace his Irish roots it seemed that the matter had got out of hand.

With such a strong squad of players fighting for inclusion in the England team it's only natural that players with Irish connections are only too willing to declare for Eire where they are guaranteed regular international football.

The likes of Mark Lawrenson, Tony Grealish, Jim McDonagh, Chris Hughton, Mickey Walsh and Michael Robinson would probably have been capped for England at some level — and then forgotten about. Now, by declaring for Eire, they have improved their own and their adopted country's ratings.

Surprisingly, the one English-born player who has the best credentials has not become an Eire regular. Terry Donovan's dad was capped by Eire, but the Aston Villa winger cannot yet command a regular spot.

FAI Secretary Peadar O'Driscoll must be commended for following up the Irish connection. Also the senior Eire players have played their part by 'spreading the gospel'. And more importantly Eire are now a respected side in international football, and it does not take much persuasion to get 'conversions'. Players are queuing up with the six pounds it costs to get an Irish passport!

When Eire have exhausted their English market their next hunting ground could be the United States, where there are thousands of Irish-Americans.

Meanwhile there is no truth in the rumour that the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) now stands for 'Find Another Irishman'.

SEAN CREEDON

Also that year Celtic's Charlie Gallagher won his two caps.

Since the retirement of Alan Kelly, most of the Eire goalkeepers have been Englishmen. Mick Kearns, then with Oxford United, started the trend in 1973. He was followed by Gerry Peyton, Ron Healey and, more recently, by Jim McDonagh.

However, the most unusual of the 'keepers to declare was Peter Thomas. Born in Coventry, he moved to Waterford in the late 60's and became an Irish citizen so that he could play for his adopted country.

In the early days the Irish went for players who had both parents from Ireland. But Terry Mancini changed all that. 'Henry' could have played for three countries. Born in London, his father was from Italy and his mother Irish.

Another player who had three choices was Chris Hughton. But in October, 1979, he made his piece of history by becoming the first black player to play for Eire.

FOR many players soccer is now virtually an all-the-year round game.

During the English League close season, they either go on club tours abroad or cross the Atlantic to compete in the North American soccer competition.

Yet some still prefer to have a complete break from football, in some instances, to recuperate from injuries.

David Hodgson (Middlesbrough), Martyn Bennett (West Bromwich Albion), Steve McMahon (Everton) and Billy Bonds (West Ham) are four who will be doing just that.

GETTING FIT

Hodgson, an England Under-21



spent playing tennis on his own private court or with his racing pigeons.

"I've been racing pigeons since I was eight," he says. He belongs to several clubs, including the national pigeon flying club and the Ascot and Blackwater clubs, which are not far from his home in Bagshot, Surrey.

Kevin Ratcliffe, Everton's young Welsh international full-back, will be going to Spain with his girlfriend, Sharon Chalk. "I'm not too bothered where we go," he says, "so long as it's hot and we have a good break."

West Ham's Phil Parkes and Arsenal's Willie Young will also be travelling, but not so far. Parkes is

Middlesbrough's David Hodgson, recovering from a pelvic injury.

How some of our stars are spending their SUMMER BREAK

international, who went into plaster because of a pelvic injury at the start of June, will be concentrating on getting fit for next season.

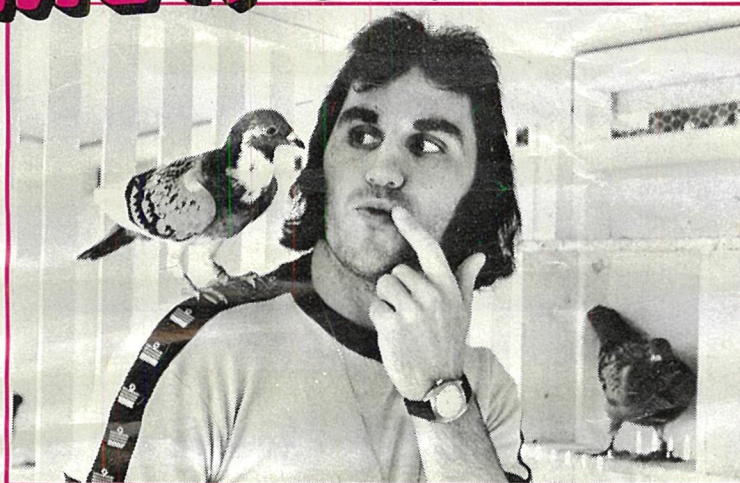
McMahon has damaged knee ligaments, Bennett cartilage trouble, and Bonds broken ribs.

McMahon, another of England's Under-21 caps, says: "I'll be swimming as much as I can. The doctors say it will give me exercise without damaging the knee."

READING ABOUT REDSKINS

Bonds, skipper of Division Two Champions West Ham, plans to spend a lot of time reading. "I enjoy books, especially those dealing with North American history, the Red Indians and the Civil War period."

Bennett, Albion's 19-year-old centre-back, who had a cartilage removal in May, will do his recovery



ing in the sun of the south of France. "My girlfriend and I love the place," he says.

The sun is the haven for many of soccer's stars. Lou Macari, Gerry Francis and Kevin Ratcliffe aim to enjoy their break in sunny climes.

Gerry Francis will use the summer break to race his pigeons.

SOCCER IN THE STATES

Manchester United's Macari intends to return to Tampa Bay in Florida where he has spent the last three summers, but only as a holiday-maker.

"Mind you, I'm hoping to watch some football as well," he says. "I'll be out there for a month, so I'll probably see four or five matches."

Queens Park Rangers' former England captain Gerry Francis, who loves the South of France so much that he bought some land near St Tropez, will be out there again.

TENNIS AND RACING BIRDS

His summer months at home are

off to visit friends in Guernsey, where he has stayed every year for the last ten, and Willie and his wife will travel to his native Scotland to see their parents.

Parkes, formally a carpenter in Walsall, will be busy for the rest of the summer literally building his own business in Berkshire.

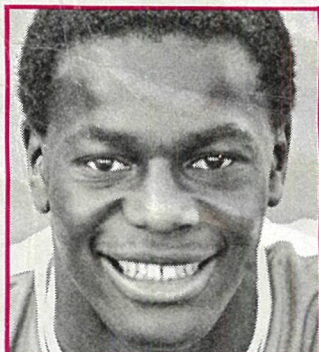
MOVING HOUSE

Pat Rice, Arsenal's former full-back now with Watford, will be decorating. He is moving house from Winchmore Hill to Enfield. He says: "I hope to have decorated and furnished the house by August."

But for at least one player the summer is simply an inconvenient interlude. Garry Brooke, the gifted Spurs midfielder, admits quite frankly: "I find the summer a bore. I end up playing football on the local rec. with my mates... I'm so eager to be playing again."

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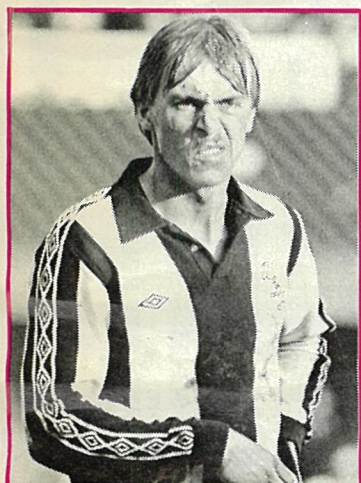
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WBA's Martyn Bennett is looking to find some sun — for a change!



FOCUS ON ALAN BRAZIL IPSWICH TOWN



FULL NAME: Alan Brazil
BIRTHPLACE: Glasgow
BIRTHDATE: June 15, 1959
HEIGHT: 6ft
WEIGHT: 12st 10lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: Alfa Romeo Guilietta
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPERS: Daily Mirror, Daily Star
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Kenny Dalglish and Trevor Francis
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Kevin O'Callaghan
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Celtic
FOOTBALL HEROES OF CHILDHOOD: Denis Law, George Best
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, tennis, snooker
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Too many difficult ones
MOST MEMORABLE MATCHES: My debut for Ipswich v Nottm. Forest and Scotland v Poland
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: None yet
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Most fans are OK
FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Sunday roast, white wine
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Scoring goals/Loss of form
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Florida

FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Paul Newman/Linda Gray
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Long lie in bed, playing snooker
FAVOURITE SINGER: Rod Stewart
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Few drinks and a meal
BEST FRIEND: My girlfriend Jill
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Family and all the coaching staff and players at Ipswich
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Scottish Youth, Under 21 and two full caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To help Ipswich and Scotland win honours and be happy
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Hopefully something to do with football
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Rod Stewart

Alan Brazil